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Defiant Willis to try again for pits deal

By Keith Harper, Labour Editor

Fresh attempts to resolve the pit strike were put in hand last night by Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, after the Prime Minister had politely but firmly told his delegation that the Government had no intention of loosening the stranglehold it now thinks it has on the dispute.

Soon after the hour-long meeting yesterday at Downing Street, his seven-man team returned apparently empty-handed to TUC headquarters and began an immediate lengthy session to discuss the outcome of the abortive talks.

Mr Willis, however, was determined that some new initiative should be launched before today's important meeting of the miners' executive in London. The TUC team broke for an hour and then went on into the night in a further examination of the National Coal Board's document setting out its requirements for meeting the NUM in negotiations to end the dispute.

During the afternoon Mr Willis made informal contacts with the board and there was even a suggestion that the TUC delegation might meet Mr Ian MacGregor, the NCB's chairman, who returned yesterday from America where his wife had been ill. Late last night, however, this idea had not materialised.

Mr Willis's struggle to bring both sides together is almost a single-handed venture, backed by TUC staff. In brief statements, the Government and the TUC said very little beyond the diplomatic niceties.

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"I thought it went very smoothly. Mr Willis didn't even complain when we overcharged him for his coffee."

The only positive outcome was that Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, present at the meeting, was asked by the Prime Minister to convey to the board the TUC's view that the sides were not far apart.

A statement from Downing Street, with the personal imprint of Mrs Thatcher, said that the Government wanted an early resolution of the strike but that any agreement "must deal clearly and unambiguously" with the central point of the dispute. This was taken to be a reference to the reluctance of NUM leaders to accept that the closure of uneconomic pits should be a pre-condition to their entering negotiations.

The Downing Street statement stressed that the TUC had reported on its attempts to promote a settlement and that Mrs Thatcher had responded by expressing appreciation for the effort, particularly that of Mr Willis. She said that a settlement was long overdue.

Mrs Thatcher was also joined at yesterday's talks by Lord Whitelaw the Leader of the Lords, and by Mr Tom King, the Employment Secretary. Mr Walker described the

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Emergency law is passed after terrorist cash found at bank

Dail acts to seize IRA millions

From Paul Johnson in Belfast

The Irish government last night rushed through emergency legislation enabling it to seize several million pounds of IRA money tracked down to a bank in the republic.

The sum, thought to be more than £3 million, was discovered in a single account. It had been handed over to the IRA outside the republic by people who did not live in the country, who were "under a threat of kidnap and murder."

The republic's minister of justice, Mr Michael Noonan, told the special sitting of the Dail that the money had been moved across international frontiers and "laundered" before arriving in Ireland.

There were indications that the money was to be moved again in the next few days, so the government had to move quickly and decisively.

Mr Noonan told the parliament that the IRA would have used the money to fund a renewed campaign of murder and destruction.

Mr Noonan did not say whether the money was raised as the result of an actual or a threatened kidnap, or whether the person or persons concerned lived in the Republic or Northern Ireland.

He revealed that the Irish police received information of a "definite and specific character" about the funds in the account.

This was backed by independent information, some of which was said to be in documentary form resulting from legal proceedings by an unnamed public authority in a foreign country.

This led to speculation last night as to whether sequestrators' investigations into National Union of Mineworkers' funds, which were lodged in Dublin, could have uncovered the account.

The emergency legislation was prepared in secret. Members of the Dail and the Senate were not informed until the special sitting.

The Irish Government was delighted last night that the move had gone ahead under such secure cover.

The legislation, the Offences Against the State (Amendments) Bill, was passed by the Dail within 40 minutes.

It enables the minister of justice to compel a bank to hand over to the high court money suspected of being in the hands of an illegal organisation.

Anyone claiming ownership has six months to prove that they possess the money for lawful purposes. If that is not done, the money goes to the state.

The loss of such a large sum of money is an obvious body blow to the IRA. Last year a huge arsenal assembled and sent by ship from the United States was intercepted by the Irish navy.

Although the IRA has made several attempts to raise large sums, through kidnapping most of its money is believed to come through armed raids, extortion of businesses and public houses in the North and from sympathisers in the US.

The IRA tried to snatch the Canadian millionaire, Mr Galen Weston, from his Dublin home in 1983. Mr Weston was in England at the time, and the IRA unit was waylaid by the Gardai who arrested four men.

But in November 1983 one of Mr Weston's key executives in Ireland, Mr Don Tidey, was snatched by the IRA.

Mr Tidey, a supermarket executive, was held for 22 days before being released after a gun battle in which a soldier and a policeman were killed.

The IRA had demanded £5 million for his safe return, but his employers maintained that the sum was never paid. Last year a spokesman for the political wing of the IRA, Mr Danny Morrison, of Sinn Fein, said: "The IRA has to do what the IRA has to do. For example, in the abduction of Don Tidey — which obviously arose because the IRA needed finances to wage the struggle in the North — it was directly related to the struggle in the North."

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DOUBLE FIRST: Henrietta Shaw, daughter of Mr Giles Shaw, the Home Office minister, will become the first woman to cox Cambridge in the University Boat Race in April. Bruce Philp, who rowed for Cambridge in 1982 and 1983, will become the first person to row for both universities when he takes his place in the Oxford boat. Report, page 26

Joseph kills teachers' hopes of negotiating an extra 7 pc

By John Fairhall and Andrew Moncur

The lure held out to teachers by local authorities that an extra 7 per cent increase could be available if the teachers agreed to salary and conditions restructuring was largely demolished yesterday by the Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph.

Answering questions in the Commons, Sir Keith said there had been suggestions of 7 pe cent being available in addition to the employers' offer of 4 per cent. But he could see no prospect whatsoever of that kind of increase. The inescapable reality was that local education authorities could afford no more than a 4 per cent rise for teachers.

The 7 per cent figure was raised by the employers during meetings with the teachers' union in a joint working party on salary restructuring. But these discussions were broken off when the National Union of Teachers withdrew from the working party. Local authority leaders have since attacked the NUT for abandoning the possible route to the 7 per cent increase.

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Information issued to the press by the management panel of the Burnham teachers' pay negotiating committee, referred to the structure talks as the only way extra money would become available. "In the first full year of implementation the structure proposals would increase the teachers' pay bill by 7 per cent (in addition to the pay increase for that year)," the press notes said.

Examination pupils will not be spared from disruption when the NUT calls out nearly 4,000 members in its first wave of three-day strikes, starting on Tuesday.

Unlike last summer, there will be no exceptions for fifth and sixth-form exam classes. A rolling campaign of stoppages will hit 216 schools in 26 local education authorities, and more will be affected in coming weeks.

As the action was being disclosed, the union claimed that

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Thatcher backs late London bid to stage 1992 Olympics

By John Rodda

The Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher wants Britain to stage the Olympic Games of 1992. An announcement will be made by the British Olympic Association within the next two months that London will ask the International Olympic Committee for the Games of the 25th Olympiad.

The British bid will be the seventh, joining those of Brisbane, Belgrade, Rotterdam-Amsterdam, New Delhi, Paris and Barcelona. It will not be officially made until spring 1986, which will allow time to study and exploit the weaknesses of the other candidates. The timing of London's bid might also turn out to be within 12 months of a British general election.

Mrs Thatcher was impressed by the commercial success of last year's games at Los Angeles, and when Mr Neil Macfarlane, the Minister of Sport, returned from the US he detected her enthusiasm for the idea that London should become the first city in the world to stage the games for a tournament and the British Olympics for the third time, after 1908 and 1948.

The Department of the Environment and the Olympic Association have been holding discussions over the last few months, and feasibility studies had been undertaken. An estimate of the cost of the bid and the staging the games is now awaited from British Olympics Association's finance committee.

Unlike two recent schemes to stage the games in Britain again — Glasgow's plan for refurbishing an inner city and the dockland project — this new initiative has a stronger political platform.

The two International Olympic Committee members in Britain, Lord Luke and Mary Glen Haig, have already been involved in discussions, and must have been asked to estimate the proportion of the 89 members of the IOC who might support a British application.

Some of those involved in the discussion have been opting for a later bid, but a more distant project is less likely to achieve success. In 1996 the international Olympic movement would have an overwhelming wish for the games to go to Athens, where they were revived a century before that date. But the year 2000 the Chinese application, on which Peking is already working, looks likely to be successful.

A British application for 1992, even as a late runner behind half a dozen applications, is more likely to succeed. There is still an immense amount of goodwill around the world for British sporting values and history. The IOC is also eager, after the colossal cost of Montreal in 1976, the boycotts of 1980 and 1984 and the overt commercialism of 1984, to get back to some form of stability within Europe.

Paris and Barcelona are front-runners for these reasons, but there are feelings within the IOC that the organisation has too great a Latin influence—the president, Jean Antonio Samaranch is Spanish. There is also within the IOC a strong anti-socialist view which could work against Paris.

The bidding committee needs to discover over the next few month where the favours of the IOC members lie, and to ensure that London would not go out in the early rounds of voting. Once it reaches the contest of London-Paris-Barcelona there ought to be a strong support from the Commonwealth IOC members and the socialist countries who, in spite of Mrs Thatcher, would probably vote for London games on its historical value.

Enormous investment in facilities would be required, which was not needed in Los Angeles. London would need a new stadium or a face-lift for Wembley, but the IOC members would probably take a tolerant look at events outside London such as rowing at Nottingham, as they did in 1908 and 1948, and sailing at Cowes.

£2 gallon of petrol closer

By John Hooper, Energy Correspondent

The prospect of a £2 gallon of petrol loomed larger last night when Shell announced that it was putting up the price of its four-star by 2.7p to 194.6 per gallon.

Last week the oil companies — led by Texaco — withdrew the subsidies they had been paying to their retail outlets and effectively added between 3 and 4p to a gallon. Shell is now apparently trying to ensure that a budget day increase in duty of about the same percentage as the inflation rate will push the price of petrol beyond £2, leaving the Chancellor to bear the opprobrium of going beyond a psychologically important barrier.

Duty and VAT account for more than half the price of a gallon of petrol. All the companies have blamed the rise of the dollar against the pound. Crude oil is priced in dollars, but British refiners have to pay for it in pounds.

NEWS IN BRIEF

148 die in crash

A SPANISH Boeing 737 crashed into a mountainside outside Bilbao yesterday, killing 148 people. Page 8.

Tapes increase

THE Government is proposing an increase in the price of blank audio and video tapes to compensate film and recording companies for sales lost through home taping. Page 2.

Race for cash

RELATIVES of a defendant in a £6 million robbery case beat police to a safe deposit box in Spain containing stolen money, an Old Bailey jury heard yesterday. Page 4.

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Embryos attack

DR Robert Edwards, the test tube baby pioneer, yesterday attacked Mr Enoch Powell's bill outlawing research on embryos. Page 3.

Warship welcome

JAPAN is ready to welcome an American warship banned by New Zealand because it might be carrying nuclear weapons. Page 6.

Parents backing

TWO High Court judges yesterday backed parents who refused to let their daughter go to school by a dangerous route. Page 3.

Heart challenge

HEART surgeons at Guy's Hospital, London, threatened with the closure of their unit, yesterday challenged officials to order them to stop treating critically ill patients. Page 2; Heart of the matter, page 11; Hearts and dollars, page 19.

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Six held in raids



MRS Albertina Sisulu (above), one of the three presidents of South Africa's United Democratic Front, regarded as the country's largest anti-apartheid grouping, was one of six people arrested in raids by security police yesterday. They are to be charged with high treason. In further clashes at the Crossroads squatter camp the death toll rose to seven.

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Jenkin forced into rate limit reversal

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent

The Environment Secretary, Mr Patrick Jenkin, was last night struggling to maintain credibility for his rate-capping policy, after rate limit Orders which were due to be debated in the Commons today had to be withdrawn and changed at the last minute.

Mr Jenkin announced that the orders were to be amended and re-submitted because of new information which had come to light about the London borough of Haringey.

Haringey council was told before Christmas that it would have to cut this year's rate by 3 per cent. It is now being told it can increase its rate by 16.5 per cent. This will allow the authority to raise an extra £16.3 million in revenue to pay off an unexpected deficit in this year's accounts.

Although Mr Jenkin is presenting this eleventh-hour revision as a demonstration of his open-mindedness, the move is bound to expose him to further bruising from MPs.

Last week he had to answer an emergency question from the Shadow Environment Secretary, Dr John Cunningham, arising from a Guardian report that one of Mr Jenkin's officials had leaked information, which had been denied to Parliament and Haringey's ruling Labour group, to a Tory opposition councillor from Haringey.

The report said that this information concerned the assumptions which Mr Jenkin had made when fixing Haringey's rate limit. Mr Jenkin acknowledged that an official had been in touch with the Tory councillor, but denied that he had passed on any assumption.

He told the House: "In Haringey's case I have not needed to make any assumptions, as all the figures required to calculate its rate limit have been supplied to me at various times by the council itself. The suggestion that I have privately revealed assumptions made in calculating Haringey's rate limit is, therefore, entirely false."

Dr Cunningham poured scorn on this statement in the light of Mr Jenkin's change to Haringey's figures. "He must have made some wrong assumptions or decisions about the situation in Haringey for him to change his mind in this way and on this scale," he said.

"He has got himself into a quagmire because he has been too clever in his use of language. He tried to fiddle his way through he and has come unstuck."

Mr Jenkin had been capricious and vindictive in fixing the rate limits, Dr Cunningham said. If Haringey's figures were wrong, what confidence could Parliament have in the figures for the other rate-capped councils covered by the same order, especially when Mr Jenkin still refused to tell Parliament about the principles he is using to calculate the figures?

Mr Jenkin explained that his change in the Haringey numbers resulted from a preliminary report by the council's district auditor, sent on Monday evening, which showed that the council was over-

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US aid may rescue Royal Court

By Nicholas de Jongh, Arts Correspondent

An American producer-director is expected to save the Royal Court Theatre from being forced to consider the closure of its studio auditorium, the Theatre Upstairs, and to help with plans to safeguard the company's future.

Mr Joe Papp, who runs New York's Public Theatre and is visiting London, said yesterday that he would be prepared to guarantee the Court an indefinite annual income of $50,000 — about £45,000 — provided that the company could match this amount with private sponsorship from British organisations. "I think it would be the greatest disaster in the world if the Royal Court could not function on a minimum level," he said. "I consider it the most important theatre in London."

Mr Matthew Evans, the new chairman of the English Stage Company, which runs the Royal Court, said last night that he believed the matching amount could be found in Britain. He said that the Royal Court had been forced within recent weeks to consider a series of options, including the closure of the Theatre Upstairs, to save costs after the Arts Council decided not to increase the Royal Court's grant of £503,000, to take account of inflation. Last year some influential figures in the council wanted to withdraw the Court's grant.

Mr Papp said that he would be able to raise the money from individuals in the United States, where the Royal Court has won a high reputation as a result of the productions it has presented there in a series of exchanges with Mr Papp's company.

He will be launching an American Friends of the Royal Court organisation, to provide the US funds, and believes that Anglo-American companies, based in Britain are likely to contribute to the matching British amount.

Mr Evans said that a strategy was being worked out to raise "a great deal more than that."

If the Royal Court is successful in attracting English private sponsorship as a result of Mr Papp's offer it will be eligible for one of the business sponsorship incentive schemes by which the Government offers one third of the money acquired by an organisation from industry, up to £25,000.

The Papp scheme may, therefore, solve the Court's dilemma over the Arts Council's objection that the company is solely dependent on the council for survival. The borough of Kensington and Chelsea, in which the Royal Court is sited, has always refused to finance the company.

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Minister proposes share-out of extra charge for blanks

Copyright levy plan for audio and video tapes

By Sarah Boseley

The Government is proposing an increase in the price of blank audio and video tapes to provide compensation for sales lost through home taping, for film and recording companies and composers.

The tape industry had feared that the Government would favour a levy doubling the price of tape cassettes but yesterday's green paper, published by the Department of Trade and Industry put forward proposals which would raise audio tape prices by about 10p and video by 25p.

Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister of State for Industry and Information Technology, stressed that the green paper was consultative. "On the issues of home and educational recording and on rental the Government considers that a further opportunity for public comment is needed before a final decision can be taken."

His department has done an about-turn on the issue. In a green paper in 1981 on copyright laws it was against a levy. Now, Mr Pattie made it clear, it can see no other practical way to compensate copyright holders in the music and film industry.

The Government proposes a ceiling on the levy of perhaps 10 per cent on audio and 5 per cent on video tapes. A lower level would be imposed on video cassettes because it is recognised that people use them for "time shifting" — watching a programme once, later than it was broadcast.

The levy would be expected to raise £5 million a year on each sort of tape, and the green paper suggests that the copyright owners should set up a collecting society to get the levy in and redistribute it to record companies, film makers, individual artists, and anyone with a copyright title.

The Government wants to hear how copyright owners would operate such a society. the green paper makes it clear that "the question of administrative costs is a key one to the viability of the whole levy proposal, since it would be unacceptable for a major part of the new funds generated by the levy to be swallowed up by administration."

Mr Pattie stressed that some people would be exempt from the levy. Audio tapes which run for less than 35 minutes, as used in dictaphones, would be exempt. People who use tape without infringing copyright, such as blind people receiving "talking newsletters," will be able to buy tapes in bulk without paying the levy.

Although the suggested levy is not as high as feared, the Tape Manufacturers' Group, representing the 10 biggest audio and visual tape producers, said last night that it was totally opposed to levies in any form.

A spokesman, Mr David Lloyd, said: "The case for a levy has not been proven at all. the pro-levy group say any incident of home taping equates with a lost sale, but a lot of taping is of things people like but wouldn't buy—just a passing interest."

He claimed that less than 1 per cent of taped television broadcasts were retained for watching more than once, and that the high level of sales of original records and tapes belied claims that piracy was damaging the industry.

He said: "For the public to be forced to pay what is a private tax to subsidise the film and record companies we think is grossly unfair."

Another group unhappy with the proposals is the Musicians' Union, whose members do not hold copyright in their performances. Mr John Morton, general secretary, claimed that the levy would benefit only film and music companies.

Mr Pattie made it clear that although the Government was not at present recommending a levy on the purchase of recording equipment it was not ruled out for the future.

The minister said he hoped the proposals would be incorporated in the forthcoming Copyright Bill. This means the levy could be imposed within two years.

The department has set April 30 as teh deadline for comments.

The Recording and Rental of Audio and Video Copyright Material — A Consultative Document; Stationery Office,

Below: Mr Geoffrey Pattie —no final decision yet



BBC advertising 'would ruin most of ITV'

By David Hearst

Introducing advertising on the BBC would spell the financial ruin of all but the biggest ITV companies and have a devastating effect on broadcasting standards developed over 60 years, Mr David Plowright, managing director of Granada Television, said yesterday.

The loss of advertising revenue arising from even a limited amount of advertising on BBC-1 would be so great that the current network of ITV production centres throughout Britain would have to be dismantled, Mr Plowright said in a speech to the Broadcasting Press Guild. "It would involve not a clipping of wings but the destruction of some of the most attractive elements of the British broadcasting tradition," he said.

Basing his calculation on the share of advertising between the press, ITV, and Independent Local Radio in 1983, the last year for which figures are available, Mr Plowright said that the dangers were instantly apparent.

If BBC-1 were to carry only two minutes of advertising an hour from 6 pm to 10 pm every night, ITV would have lost £60 million, out of a total of £98 million earned before tax in 1983. While the BBC would have earned £169 million, the effect on regional ITV companies would have been disastrous.

Smaller companies would lose most of their revenue. On Mr Plowright's calculation, large regional companies would have their profits cut from £36.7 million to £7.8 million, while the major companies would have their profit halved, from £56.3 to £22.3 million.

He said that these figures were based on the assumption that the majority of BBC advertising revenue would be drawn from business taken away from the press. If the advertising were taken from ITV all independent companies, small or large, would go into the red, with the loss for the network as a whole amounting to £23.6 million.

Yorkshire 'did not press Scargill to relent'

By Patrick Wintour
Labour Staff

Representatives of miners from Yorkshire and Wales met yesterday and reaffirmed their commitment to continue the strike until a negotiated settlement was reached a national level.

Reports at the weekend had suggested that Mr Jack Taylor, the Yorkshire area president, and Mr Emlyn Williams, the South Wales president, had disagreed strongly with Mr Arthur Scargill about the proper response to the latest Coal Board document.

Mr Taylor, speaking after a meeting of his area council yesterday said: "I don't know who has set this story running, but it is very mischievous and very untrue. Every decision taken by the national executive over the weekend was unanimous. People are reading into the meeting not what happened, but what they would like to happen. Our position in Yorkshire has always been support for a negotiated settlement."

It had been reported that Mr Taylor and Mr Williams had forced Mr Scargill to take a more conciliatory attitude to the Coal Board document and that, as a result, the NUM had made only three amendments to the Coal Board's proposal.

Mr Taylor denied that it was significant that the NUM had left in the paragraph of the NCB document reading: "The NUM recognises that it is the duty of the NCB to manage the industry efficiently and to secure sound developments in accordance with their responsibilities." Observers have regarded the NUM's decision to accept this paragraph as a significant concession, but Mr Taylor said yesterday: "It's always been the statutory duty of the NCB to manage. Equally, it has always been the duty of the union to defend its members. We don't want to take away either right from either party."

"The key thing is toget talks going again," Mr Taylor said.

"The general public knows who is stopping talks starting. I find it quite immoral, even soul destroying, that, with the suffering in Yorkshire there are still prima donnas in Government stopping the talks taking place."

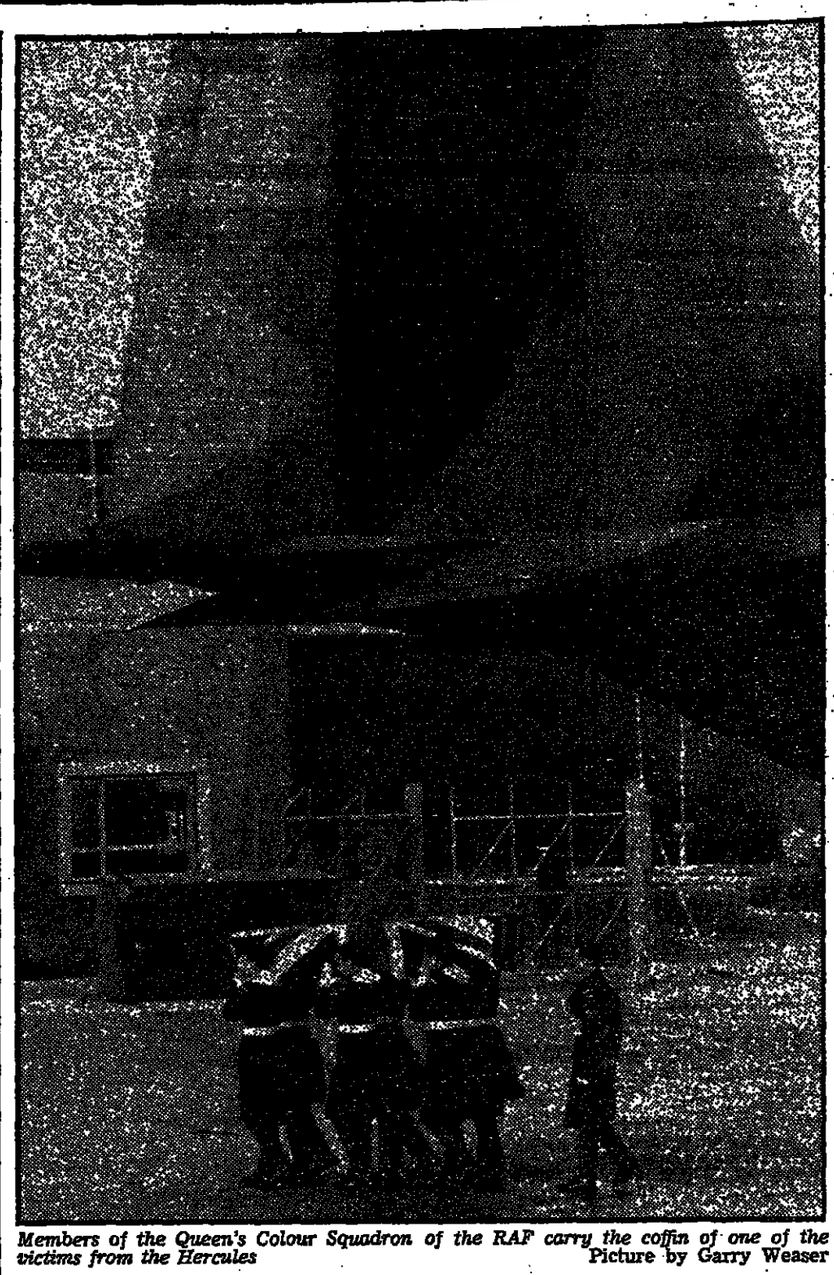
Mr Taylor stressed that at yesterday's area council meeting there had been no serious discussion of the option, still favoured by parts of the left, for a return to work without a national settlement. Mr Taylor said: "It's not been seriously discussed at this stage."

In South Wales, the miners' executive decided yesterday to continue the strike and press for fresh initiatives if talks at national level collapse. South Wales has remained solidly behind the strike with only 447 of the 19,600 men reporting for work yesterday. However, the area is under strong pressure from lodges whose members want the strike settled.

The Durham area council last night repeated its call for the TUC to reconvene a special congress to discuss increasing support for the strike, a policy also backed by the South Wales NUM.



Mr Jack Taylor —'talks are key'



Members of the Queen's Colour Squadron of the RAF carry the coffin of one of the victims from the Hercules
Picture by Garry Weaser

ALMOST every member of the RAF band was on parade as 12 of their dead comrades and an RAF policeman — casualties of the German autobahn bus fire of more than a week ago — were flown home yesterday to the air base at Lyneham, Wiltshire.

Two hundred bandsmen formed the full ceremonial guard of honour which, with a handful of relatives and senior RAF officers, provided the backcloth to the homecoming of the 13 coffins draped with Union flags unloaded from a Hercules transport aircraft.

Its hour-long flight from Wildenrath, West Germany, was met by the RAF central band, instruments draped in black, playing solemn music.

About 50 NCOs and airmen from the Queen's Colour Squadron formed bearer parties, slow-marching with the coffins from the rear of the aircraft parked near the main terminal building. Air Staff Chief Sir Keith Williamson and Commander-in-Chief of strike command, Sir David Craig, witnessed the arrival.

The airfield was closed to flying for about an hour as the ceremony marked the largest number of dead ever to be returned in peacetime to the base. The coffins were later handed over to local funeral directors for private services.

The airmen were burned to death on February 11 on the autobahn at Pfaffenhoffen, 18 miles north of Munich. Their bus was on a 300-mile journey from their base at Munchengladbach, in northern Germany, to the Bavarian mountain village of Bad Kohlgrub when it collided with a tanker carrying aviation fuel.

Heart surgeons at Guy's challenge health officials over closure plan

By Andrew Veitch,
Medical Correspondent

Heart surgeons at Guy's Hospital, London, threatened with the closure of their unit because the health authority has run out of money, yesterday challenged officials to order them to stop treating critically-ill patients.

Professor Michael Tynan, with 57 babies on his waiting list for heart surgery, said: "Any cuts will have to be imposed upon us. It is not in the interests of patients to deny them treatment."

The director of cardio-thoracic surgery, Mr Alan Yates, said that five adult patients had died waiting for treatment in the past six months, and 102 were awaiting open heart surgery.

"We will keep on working. If they want to limit the number of operations they will have to stop us. It is possible that patients will not be treated for financial reasons. That will be the Government's decision, not mine."

Officials from South-east Thames regional health authority told the Guy's doctors yesterday that they had treated too many patients and money had run out. They were likely to exceed their annual quota by 50 operations this financial year, at an extra cost of £250,000.

The regional medical officer, Dr Malcolm Forsyth, offered three options: close the open heart surgery unit now; reduce the numbers treated; or close later.

Health authority figures show that the region faces a deficit of £1,056,000 this year. Dr Forsyth said yesterday that it would be losing £2,500,000 because of government health cuts.

Health officials meet today in another attempt to solve the crisis at Guy's. The final decision on the unit's future will be taken at health authority meetings next week.

Guy's takes heart patients from throughout the country, but money for the hospital is nominally the responsibility of Lewisham and north Southwark district health authority.

Dr Forsyth said that if the district could find the extra money surgery could continue. But Lewisham faces a deficit of £1,450,000 on its government-imposed cash limit this year, and the region is refusing to bail it out.

Dr Forsyth said that he was unable to guarantee that no one would die as a result of the cut. "We hope that adults and children who have been accepted on to the waiting list will be be treated.

District health authority officials have recommended a six-week closure to meet cash limits.

Fifty babies were waiting for surgery, said Professor Tynan, head of paediatric cardiology at Guy's. This year alone, he had been forced to turn away 30 newborn babies needing emergency treatment.

Twenty beds in the Guy's children unit, including two of its intensive care cots, had already been closed, he said.

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Cash and delays hamper heroin survey

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

Government plans to fight heroin abuse are in disarray, with funds set aside to tackle the problem already heavily over-subscribed, and a nation-wide survey still incomplete.

Department of Health ministers have been overwhelmed by bids for the £10 million available, and many schemes are being pruned, or authorities only given half the cash they need.

In addition, civil servants co-ordinating a survey of heroin abuse have sent ultimatums to some health authorities to provide facts and figures, while others are being given extended deadlines before they need submit anything to the ministry.

The muddle has been compounded by some authorities — notably South Bedfordshire — being wrongly accused of not providing enough information, while other areas have not been questioned.

The confusion arises from a new circular sent out by Mr John Patten, the junior health minister, to compile a "Domesday Book" survey of drug abuse in England.

He gave health authorities until last December to provide a full picture of drug abuse to their regional health authorities, and demanded that schemes should be submitted to the Department of Health by March 31. The circular is essential to the Government's plan to launch a TV advertising campaign against abuse next Wednesday.

Now, two months after all 192 district health authorities are supposed to have compiled the information civil servants do not have a complete picture, even though they are already making decisions on how to distribute the money.

The confusion is illustrated by a decision to give six health authorities in the Trent region a deadline of March 1 to revise their information and prepare plans. Civil servants felt that none of these authorities had supplied adequate information and one, Barnsley claimed that there was only one addict in its area.

North-west Thames regional health authority has, however, been given until July to complete its plans.

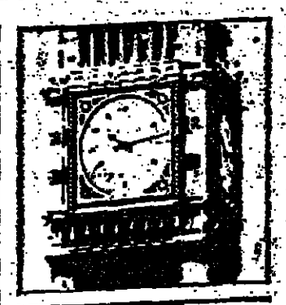
The South-western region, which covers the West Country and Bristol has not yet supplied any details, and will complete its proposals at the end of March. In contrast, the North-west regional health authority, has released plans for all its 19 districts, and is pressing seven of them to revise their proposals.

The North-west and Oxford regions are drawing up detailed community team programmes so that addicts in all their areas can receive help without having to be admitted to hospital.

● The Government should increase the number of Customs officers rather than just call for harsher penalties for drug traffickers and dealers, the Society of Civil and Public Servants says in evidence to the Commons home affairs committee's inquiry into hard drugs. Mr Tony Lewis, the union's Customs and Excise group secretary, estimated that at most only 20 per cent of hard drugs destined for Britain were being seized by Customs officers.

Bomb inquest

The inquest into the deaths of five victims of the bomb blast at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, was yesterday formally adjourned.



David McKie

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"'I'D better give you the bad news first,' she said. 'The abdominal, or abominable, or whatever they call themselves, Council in Oxford, have turned me down.'"

That is Jilly Cooper, the Mail On Sunday's columnist who got Neil Kinnock into trouble during the leadership campaign, rapt at Mrs Thatcher's feet one fateful day in January. "For a second, her eyes filled with tears," wrote the author of Emily (1975), Bella (1976), Harriet (1976), Octavia (1977), Prudence (1978), Imogen (1978), Little Mabel (1980), and presumably now Maggie (1985).

"But, predictably Maggificent in a crisis, she pulled herself together, adding with a toss of her head that if Oxford was unwilling to confer the honour, she had no wish to receive it."

The Tory Party may be a new kind of beast these days but it has not forgotten chivalry. Even bleak-faced monetarists felt a tug at what was left of their heart strings at this portrait of an iron maiden in distress. One hundred and eighty of them

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promptly signed a motion deploring Oxford's discourtesy in declining to honour "its most distinguished daughter." (One hundred and thirty or so more have not signed the motion. We have their names.)

Yesterday at education question time a posse of backbenchers — Harry Greenway (Ealing North), John Stokes (Halesowen) and Roy Galley (Halifax) — opened up a second front, demanding to know how much taxpayers' money had been pumped year by year into that nest of subversives. Mr Greenway was educated at the University of Caen but Mr Stokes and Mr Galley are Oxford men. Indeed, Mr Stokes was once a hot tip for the presidency of the University Conservative Association until he was pipped at the post by a dark horse called Edward Heath.

The minister deputed to deal with them, Peter Brooke, is a Balliol man and he took their inquiries as the signal for a parade of effortless erudition.

No cause, he sonorously expounded, could be considered lost until the University of Oxford espoused it. Richard Crossman (another Oxford man; he once formed the second row of the New College scrum with the noble earl, Lord Longford; not many people know that) had declared that Oxford dominated Westminster and Whitehall because it had a better train service than Cambridge.

And Hazlitt (presumably Mr Brooke had got permission to quote him from Michael Foot, who is usually regarded as having exclusive rights) had written: "You will hear more good things on the outside of a stage-coach from London to Oxford than if you were to pass a twelvemonth with the undergraduates, or heads of college, of that famous university."

Mr Galley was with Hazlitt in that. In the light of the declining reputation of the place the share of the national university cake being gobbled by Oxonians was in his view excessive, and there ought to be redeployment to progressive provincial outfits like Salford and Bradford.

Well, in fact, Mr Brooke replied, Oxford had not been doing quite as well recently as the generality. It was 50 years since we had last had a Cambridge prime minister; but if Oxford persisted in its present hubris it might meet that nemesis again 'ere long.

Encouraging to know, when even the Arts Council is shedding its literature panel, that we have an Under-Secretary at Education with Matthew Arnold, Hazlitt and Crossman at his fingertips—or at least one civil servant at his disposal who knows his way round the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations. Though it might be even better perhaps, if he were able to call on a man known to Alec Woodall (Labour, Hemsworth) who "had two double firsts in English from Cambridge but couldn't teach for toffee."

Two double firsts in English! Even the abdominal Council, whatever its faults, does not go round dishing out honours as promiscuously as that.

Water chief accepts rate rise

By David Simpson,
Business Correspondent

Thames Water Authority yesterday bowed to Government pressure and announced that 1985/6 rates for consumers would rise by 10 per cent.

The increase will add an average £7.40 to rates paid by domestic consumers in the South-east, compared with the £2.20 rise which Thames believes is justified.

The big increase in charges follows the Treasury decision, revealed in theautumn statement, that the wateruthorities must make a total £203 million payment to the Government in the next fiscal year.

The Thames chairman, Mr Roy Watts, who has led a challenge to the Treasury demand over the past three months, reiterated yesterday the necessity of privatising the water authorities to allow them to concentrate their efforts on serving consumers.

Mr Watts, who gained a great deal of sympathy but little support from South-east Conservative MPs in a Commons debate on water tariffs earlier this month, welcomed the Government's decision to study the merits of privatising the water industry.

He said it was essential that the water authorities should be sold off to the private sector as soon as possible, preferably within the next two years.

£1½m road planned for Molesworth

By Paul Brown

Plans to build a £1½ million military road into Britain's second cruise missile base at Molesworth, Cambridgeshire, are being drawn up by the Ministry of Defence.

Access to the site is through a country lane from the main A604 and the new, direct road would by-pass the village of Brington. An alternative would merely be to build a by-pass for Brington, which lies between the A604 and the main gate.

Cruise missiles, due to be deployed at Molesworth by 1988, are to be flown in to RAF Alconbury, six miles away, and brought in by road. The access road would also be needed so the missiles could be deployed in the countryside.

Plans for the road are being pushed forward quickly because of the vast increase in traffic. A village meeting is expected in the next three weeks and the Ministry of Defence and Cambridgeshire County Council say proposals will soon be published. Most of the cost would be met by the Government.

Work on the £3 million perimeter fence at Molesworth continues. The Ministry of Defence said yesterday that a section of the fence, which is designed to keep protesters out, had been cut.

A number of Ministry of Defence police have been taken to the RAF hospital in Ely suffering from pneumonia, bronchitis and exposure. Temperatures have rarely risen above freezing at the base in the last week, and extra warm clothing has been issued to the hundreds of MoD police patrolling the fence.

A series of explosions in the middle of the night at the Greenham Common base in Berkshire, which brought distress calls from the residents were designed to test the reaction of British and American troops under fire.

Wing Commander Michael Marsh, the senior RAF officer at the base said: "It was all part of a military exercise which has been going on since Saturday. We had to simulate explosions to give our people training on how to react." A guard at the base said: "It is a pity someone didn't do their homework and realise the disturbance and panic it would cause in the neighbourhood."

Seamen defiant

By our Labour Staff

Seaman in the North-east decided yesterday to ignore a High Court ruling and continue blacking three coal ships needed to take coal to power stations on the Thames.

Mr Justice Staughton granted a temporary injunction on Monday to the shipowners, Stephenson Clarke, requiring the National Union of Seamen to withdraw official support for the strike. The judge ruled that in a full trial the court was likely to find that the seamen's action was unlawful secondary action, and did not involve a genuine primary trade dispute between the seamen and the shipowner.

The NUS general secretary, Mr Jim Slater, told a meeting of the seamen at Blyth, Northumberland, yesterday that the union was withdrawing support, but the men — including crews from three other collieies blacked since the beginning of the strike — decided unanimously to continue their action. Mr Slater indicated afterwards that the legal action had hardened opinion and made the strike more solid.

A spokesman for Stephenson Clarke said that management would meet the crews of three ships in the next 24 hours.

Strikers say Notts vote backs overtime ban

By Patrick Wintour,
Labour Staff

Nottinghamshire miners may have voted by a narrow majority not to drop the overtime ban, striking Nottinghamshire miners claimed yesterday on the basis of reports of meetings at 25 of the 31 branches in the area.

Mr David English, of the South Nottinghamshire miners' strike centre, claimed that the returns showed that 14 branches voted to end the 16-month-old overtime ban and 11 branches voted to keep it.

Results from six other branches were not yet known. The final decision will be taken by the area council next Monday on the basis of a card vote reflecting the number of miners at each branch.

Mr English said that the majority of large branches have voted not to drop the overtime ban and that on a card vote there will be approximately 17,000 to 13,000 votes to keep the ban.

At present, Nottinghamshire is mining 340,000 tonnes of coal a week. The overtime ban is preventing the production of about a further 65,000 tonnes.

If the vote goes in favour of ending the overtime ban, thus ignoring the authority of the union's national delegate conference, a split between the Nottinghamshire area and the rest of the union would be come more likely once the dispute is over.

The current leadership of the Nottinghamshire area had supported ending the ban.

The National Coal Board in Nottinghamshire announced yesterday that Moorgreen colliery will close on July 19, with the loss of 410 jobs, and that Pye Hill colliery will close on August 23, with the loss of 500 jobs. All the miners at the pits have been offered alternative jobs.

The NCB had already announced that the two pits would close, but the dates had not been given. Manpower has been run down at the pits over the past three years. Until recently, more than 1,000 miners were employed at each.

Mrs Brenda Greenwood, the only wife of a striking miner to have been in custody during the dispute, was yesterday cleared at Nottingham Crown Court of obstructing a police officer last September. Mrs Greenwood had been remanded in custody for a week in September.

Aids suspect 'in fear of gaol'

By Andrew Veitch

The prisoner being tested for Aids at Southampton General Hospital yesterday said he was terrified of being sent back to Camp Hill gaol on the Isle of Wight.

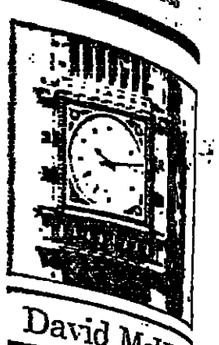
Steven Hayward, aged 28, said: "I am going to be treated like the Yorkshire Ripper, shunned by everyone. I will be a leper. Please don't send me back."

In a telephone interview from his bed in the hospital's isolation unit Mr Hayward from Hampstead, London, said: "They are using me to give the Home Office an ultimatum to get all the homosexuals transferred into one prison. I have been made a scapegoat for an excuse to clean up the prison."

Mr Hayward, who is married, with a five-year-old son, said he first suspected that he had Aids last year, after his flat-mate's boy friend died of the disease. He had taken three tests for antibodies to the Aids virus, and had told the prison medical officer at Wormwood Scrubs about it before being transferred to Camp Hill, he added.

He described himself as a bisexual, a model well known in the gay world, and the son of a wealthy family. "When I first heard I might have Aids I started sweating and trembling. I thought, oh my God, I am going to die. Now I am more frightened that if the tests are positive they will send me back to Camp Hill. They make you feel so shameful about it. They think if they touch you they will die."

● A 30 year old prisoner at Channings Wood gaol in Newton Abbot, Devon, suspected of having Aids, has been cleared after extensive tests, it was confirmed yesterday.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Nuclear plant reopens

RE-PROCESSING of nuclear waste at the Sellafield plant in Cumbria is expected to start again this week after a three-week shutdown, writes Paul Brown.

A blockage in an evaporator led to the shutdown when pumping failed to move highly radioactive plutonium and uranium solids.

Engineers removed the blockage yesterday. British Nuclear Fuels Ltd said there had been no leaks and there was no danger to the environment.

The plant normally shuts in November for maintenance but otherwise operates continuously. The shutdown has cost the company millions.

Most of the waste is from British nuclear power stations, although some is imported from Japan and Italy.

Lab explosion starts fire

AN AREA of Reading, Berkshire, was sealed off and houses were evacuated yesterday after an explosion at a laboratory that started a fire and released clouds of toxic fumes.

It took firemen more than an hour to bring the fire under control. The Radley Laboratory employs about 36 people and produces radioactive isotopes and industrial acids. It was thought that unstable solvents had caused the explosion.

Police search for rapist

EXTRA police were drafted into an area of Birmingham which has a vice problem yesterday in the hunt for a rapist who may have been responsible for four recent sex attacks on women.

The latest victim, aged 21, was trapped in her home in the Balsall Heath district on Monday night, tied to her bed, and raped. Police stressed that none of the victims was connected with prostitution.

Warden denies accusations

THE warden of a home for the mentally handicapped has been suspended from duty after complaints about the treatment of residents.

Mr Tony Aslett, aged 51, warden of Meadowlands Home, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, run by the county council, is to deny 50 separate allegations when he appears before a disciplinary hearing on Friday.

Man dies in boiler blast

ONE man died and a second was badly hurt when a boiler blew up at the British Aerospace aircraft factory at Broughton, near Chester. Three men were using cutting equipment to instal an electric fan to the heating boiler when a small fire broke out. One of the men went for help, but then an explosion blew off the access door on the front of the boiler.

De Niro to give lecture

ROBERT DE NIRO, star of Taxi Driver, The Deer Hunter and Raging Bull, is to give a Guardian lecture at the National Film Theatre on Sunday, it was announced yesterday. Tickets for the event will go on sale to annual British Film Institute members at the NFT on Saturday morning.



Passengers from the Isle of Man ferry, Lady of Mann, sign a petition to save the Liverpool service. Pictures by Don McPhee

Liverpool plea to keep Manx ferries

By Alan Dunn

IN an attempt to maintain the 150-year-old shipping link between Liverpool and the Isle of Man, union leaders and port officials yesterday offered a cost-cutting package including fewer dockers and a new custom-made berth.

But Mr Sidney Shimmin, chairman of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, which plans to switch its service to Heysham, Lancashire, said that there was little ground for optimism.

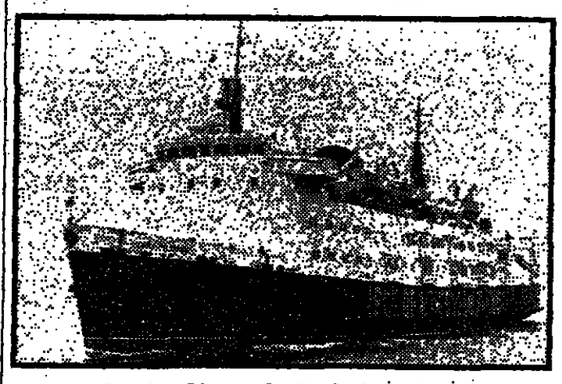
"The port authority and the trade unions have put forward certain proposals which would lead to substantial reductions in costs to the company if it stayed in Liverpool," he said.

"These proposals will now be reviewed as a matter of urgency in the light of other necessary economies which we need to achieve to stay in business."

The company has said that it will leave its berth at Pierhead at the end of next month, in a merger with the new Sealink British Ferries, which owns and operates out of Heysham. The company blames mounting losses for the move.

At yesterday's meeting in Liverpool the unions and the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board offered to cut dock labour from 51 to 22 and to build a new roll-on, roll-off berth.

The planned switch to Heysham has led to protests in Parliament and the Isle of Man's House of Keys. Hotel keepers on the island fear a fall in holiday trade from the mainland.



Leaving Liverpool—the Lady of Mann

Anti-caning campaigner denies libelling teacher

An anti-caning campaigner, Mr Tom Scott, denied in the High Court yesterday that a reference to Dickens's brutal schoolmaster, Wackford Squeers, referred to a headmistress, Mrs Joyce White.

Mr Scott, the education secretary of Stopp—the Society of Teachers Opposed to Physical Punishment—had said in a press notice that there had been 30 canings at Mrs White's infants' school during 1979-80.

The press release, over which Mrs White is suing Mr Scott for libel, also referred to Wackford Squeers, the headmaster in Nicholas Nickleby. Mr Scott said yesterday: That has nothing to do with Mrs White."

He told Mr Justice Russell and the jury: "I do not believe in indulging in personal attacks on individuals."

Mrs White, aged 55, head of Burrsville county infants' school at Clacton-on-Sea, Essex for 17 years until she retired last December, has told the court that none of her pupils was ever caned and that there was not even a cane at the school.

During 1979-80, there were 20 "smackings" on the backs of children's legs. Mr Scott, of Stepney, London, accepted that there had been an error in using the word caning.

He said that an Essex county councillor, Mrs Renee Morris who was sympathetic to Stopp's campaign, had given him statistics from the county's chief education officer about canings at Essex schools.

"Naturally, I regret that I published it. But we had what seemed to be the official figures. I published it in good faith," he said.

The hearing continues today.

Meacher call to PM on pensions

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

Plans to abolish the state earnings-related pension schemes amount to blatantly double-crossing the nation, Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's social services spokesman, says in a letter to the Prime Minister released today.

He says that the proposals — published in the Guardian last Friday — will break the political consensus and warns that Labour would not only reintroduce the scheme but extend it if returned to office.

His letter is the beginning of a campaign planned by the party to defend the state pensions system.

He says: "I am deeply shocked and angered by persistent leaks, which clearly emanate from government sources, that your cabinet committee intends to abolish the state earnings related pension scheme."

Birthday frost

The National Trust had to cancel its grand birthday "plant-in" in the Lake District yesterday because the ground was too hard. It had planned to plant 90 oak saplings at Boon Crag, Coniston to celebrate their ninetieth birthday, but the topsoil was frozen solid.

Rescued treasure fails to find buyer

By Donald Wintersgill, Art Sales Correspondent

A work of art, abandoned as fixtures and fittings in an office but discovered and rescued, came up at Christie's yesterday. But it was again disdained.

The mural in pottery by the distinguished artist-craftsman Hans Coper (1920-1981), was expected to fetch up to £44,000 but bidding stopped at £23,000 and it was withdrawn from sale.

The work is in the form of 16 discs, some overlapping, in black, brown, cream, and white. The biggest disc is 25 inches across and the smallest 12½ inches.

The ceramic sculpture was commissioned by the engineering group Powell Duffryn and installed at its London headquarters in Berkeley Street, Mayfair, in 1961.

The company moved out of the building in 1980, leaving the mural as part of the fittings, its origin having been forgotten.

The premises were taken over by Intergroup, an advertising and promotions agency. On learning the mural's history, it planned the Christie's sale to raise money for improving the building's reception area.

Test tube baby pioneer launches attack on Powell bill

Politicians 'lag behind scientists in debate about embryo research'

By Penny Charlton

The test tube baby pioneer, Dr Robert Edwards, yesterday accused politicians and religious groups of lagging behind scientists in tackling the moral issues raised by embryo research.

Dr Edwards, who was criticising, Mr Enoch Powell's bill outlawing such research, said that scientists had wrestled with the moral implications for nearly 20 years.

By contrast, the politicians had only recently looked at the issues. "Politicians and religious groups have been behind the scientists, they should have woken up earlier," he said.

"Our standards, self-imposed over 15 years, have been stricter than those now recommended by the Warnock report," he said. He added that the conception of the world's first test tube baby, Louise Brown, who was born in 1978, had been accompanied by serious moral discussions by the ethical committee of the hospital concerned.

Mr Powell's bill was given an enthusiastic first reading in the House of Commons last Friday.

"I don't know of any other government in the world, including dictatorships, that has ever imposed such a regulation," Dr Edwards said. He was referring to the bill's requirement that infertile couples wishing to use egg fertilisation techniques should first obtain permission from the Government. It was against basic human rights to insist that the one in 10 couples who face infertility should have to obtain "a licence to procreate" from a politician, he said.

Dr Edwards, addressing about 400 members of townswomen's guilds at Imperial College, London, went on to suggest that the four-month period which the bill would allow infertile couples under such a licence was unfair and impractical.

The Powell bill violated basic human rights, he said, adding that these were upheld by the European Commission on Human Rights. Dr Edwards was taking part in a one-day debate on the issues raised by the Warnock report. Also speaking were the Bishop of Norwich and Mrs Anna McCurley, the MP for Renfrew and Inverclyde, who both spoke in support of the Powell bill.



Dr Robert Edwards: 'rights violation'

Mr Edwards went on to say that people who suggested, as Anna McCurley had done, that scientists would breed embryos purely for research and that some of these might be planted in animals' bodies were talking nonsense and he was shocked by such suggestions.

He said that if the Powell bill became law he could be legally obliged to return a defective embryo to a woman's womb in the full knowledge that a normal human being could never emerge. Such a law, he said, would oblige doctors to expose women to risks such as foetal cancer, abnormal babies, abortion, or miscarriage.

Dr Edwards called for a strong licensing organisation like the General Medical Council to oversee all embryo research.

Mrs McCurley admitted: "Mr Powell's bill is hopelessly flawed." She had agreed to vote it into committee, where it would be hacked to pieces because in her opinion it was important for Parliament to discuss the issues.

Parents right to bar girl's walk to school

By Andrew Moncur, Education Staff

The House of Lords may be asked to rule on the case of a 13-year-old girl who was kept home for six months after being refused free bus travel — because she lives 106 yards too close to school.

Two High Court judges decided yesterday that her parents had not broken the law by refusing to allow her to walk to school by a lonely and dangerous route, nominated by Essex County Council.

They allowed an appeal by Peter and Violet Rogers, of Hall Cottages, Church Road, Copford, Essex, against their conviction for failing to send their daughter, Shirley, to school.

Essex, which regards the issue as an important test case with implications for education authorities throughout the country, will decide today whether to lodge an appeal with the Lords.

The council provides free travel for children of 13 only if they live three miles or more from school.

It ruled that the nearest available route from Shirley's home to Stanway comprehensive school, near Colchester, was 106 yards short of the three-mile line. So she was refused a bus pass.

Lord Justice Parker said yesterday that the council had wrongly failed to take into account that the route was too dangerous for a young girl to walk.

Lord Justice Parker and Mr Justice Tudor Evans sent the case back to Chelmsford Crown Court with a direction to acquit Mr and Mrs Rogers of charges under the 1944 Education Act. Last July the crown court upheld convictions by Colchester magistrates. Yesterday the couple were awarded costs against the council.

Bingo only one paper can play

By Martin Wainwright

EXPRESS Newspapers won an injunction yesterday forbidding four provincial newspaper groups from publishing the daily winning sequences of the Millionaire of the Month bingo game.

Mr Justice Whitford ruled that the sequences of randomly-selected letters were subject to copyright because of the skill and labour involved in programming a computer to choose them.

This had to be done carefully, to avoid the selection of too many winners which would make the bingo uneconomic, he said. He rejected defence arguments that the game contravened the Lotteries Act and that Express Newspapers had been so slow to bring the action that an injunction was not justified.

"I have sunk with all hands in front of your Lordship," said Mr Julian Jeffs, QC, representing Westminster Press, the Liverpool Post and Echo, the Birmingham Mail and Post and the Newcastle Chronicle and Journal. But the groups may lodge an appeal against the decision or pursue the issue to a full trial.

Mr Justice Whitford took the opportunity for some satire on Millionaire of the Month during the hearing. When he was handed a specimen grid and sequence he announced that he seemed to have won the £1 million himself — a hope dashed when the deadline for claiming turned out to be last September.

IRA man's thumbprint 'revealed in laser test'

Scotland Yard forensic staff used a new laser technique to discover fingerprints on items in an IRA cache of bomb-making materials, an Old Bailey jury heard yesterday.

Mr David Tadd, a fingerprint officer with 17 years' experience, said he found the thumbprint of Thomas Quigley on a birth certificate, invisible to the naked eye, it "glowed" under the laser beam treatment.

The mark from Quigley's left thumb was on the document in the haul unearthed in woodland at Pangbourne, Berkshire, on October 26, 1983. It "fluoresced" when the paper was examined with a powerful light source through a fibre optic, Mr Tadd said.

"We suspect this is caused by the fingers becoming contaminated by the ink on the pre-printed form," he told the court. "It appeared to fluoresce at the same wavelength as the ink on the form."

Quigley, aged 29, of Glenalena Road, Belfast, and Paul Kavanagh, also 29, of no fixed address, are accused of having been members of a provisional IRA unit in a month-long bombing campaign in London in autumn 1981. Between them they have denied 10 charges, including three murders.

They are alleged to have murdered Mrs Norah Field, a 59, year-old widow, and 18-year-old apprentice John Breslin, who both died in a nail bomb blast outside Chelsea Barracks on October 10, 1981.

Their third alleged victim is explosive expert Mr Kenneth Howorth, blown up while defusing a bomb in an Oxford Street Wimpey bar on October 26, 1981.

The men are also accused of attempting to murder Sir Steuart Pringle, commandant-general of the Royal Marines, who lost a leg when a bomb went off under his car on October 17,1981, and of causing a blast at the home of the Attorney-General Sir Michael Havers, in Wimbledon on November 13, 1981.

Mr Roy Amlot, prosecuting, has said that the prints of both men were found on the Pangbourne cache, described as "the most significant hoard of terrorist materials ever discovered in Britain."

Mr Tadd said he also used the laser technique with chemical tests to discover prints on a plastic bag from the Pangbourne haul. One was identified as Kavanagh's left thumb mark.

The trial continues today.



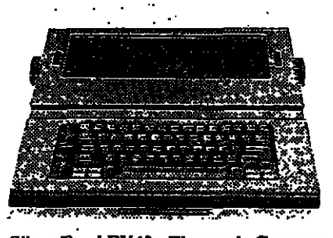
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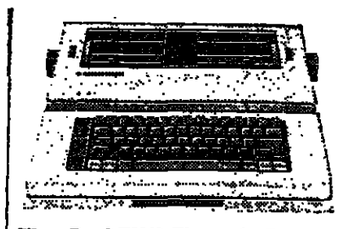
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Defendant's family beat police to £34,000 bank deposit, says prosecution

'Race to Spain for £6m raid cash'

By Paul Keel

Relatives of a defendant in the £6 million Security Express robbery were involved in a race with the police to get to a bank in Spain where stolen cash from the armed raid was deposited, it was alleged at the Old Bailey yesterday.

The race began four days after the defendant, John Leonard Knight, aged 47, a garage owner, of Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, was arrested at his home, where police discovered the key to a safe deposit box at the bank in Fuengirola on the Costa del Sol. The jury were told on the second day of the trial.

Knight and Terrence George Perkins, aged 35, a property developer, of Enfield, Middlesex, and William John Hickson, 40, a market trader, of the City of London, deny stealing almost £6 million in cash from the Security Express depot near Liverpool Street Station, London, on Easter Monday, 1983.

With three other defendants, Robert Leonard Young, aged 46, a chartered accountant, of Peters Bar, Jaqueline Perkins, 35, wife of Terrence Perkins, and James William Knight, brother of John Knight, they also deny 13 separate charges of dishonestly handling and receiving stolen cash.

Mr Michael Worsely, prosecuting, said yesterday that after John Knight had been arrested in January, 1984, he was visited in custody first by his brother James and then by his wife, Diane, and stepson, Bradley.

At John Knight's instigation, Mr Worsley said, some of his family became involved in the race to remove evidence — £34,000 in cash deposited in the Spanish bank safe — before the police got to it.

Mr Worsley alleged that Knight's stepson flew to southern Spain, where he enlisted the help of a man named in court yesterday as Saxe. He gave the man a letter of authorisation from Mrs Diane Knight and within a short time Saxe made three withdrawals from the safe deposit box, Mr Worsley said. When the British police got to the bank, "the cupboard was bare."

He went on: "In the race for the box, in one sense the Knight family won because they got the money. But they have provided evidence that points as clearly as anything could as to a cover-up for a guilty man."

Earlier, the court had been told of lavish spending and investment by Knight in the nine months after the raid on Security Express. Mr Worsley said that the police had evidence that during that period he deposited £251,000 in cash in separate banks and building society accounts in the north London area.

During the summer of 1983, Knight and his wife made frequent trips to Spain where, Mr Worsley said, there was evidence that he paid £56,000 into a bank and transferred a further £21,900 into pesetas for the purchase of a villa on the Costa del Sol.

Just before his arrest Knight bought his house in Wheathampstead, paying the £10,000 deposit in cash.

The trial continues.

Europe's Nato role 'failing to get credit in US'

By David Fairhall, Defence Correspondent

The defence effort of Nato's European members does not get credit it deserves in the United States, the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, General Bernard Rogers, said yesterday.

Much missionary work was still needed to persuade the US Congress in particular that Europe was already carrying a substantial part of the joint defence burden and that in return, it deserved to share the benefits of arms production, he said.

The instinct to Buy American had to be overcome. Billions of dollars were currently being wasted in duplicated production and without more joint procurement and a fuller exchange of military technology across the Atlantic rising costs would eventually force Nato to begin disarming itself.

The Supreme Commander was speaking in London at a luncheon given by the US Chamber of Commerce. Although he is a US General he addressed his business audience as a representative of Nato in Europe.

When asked, for example, whether President Reagan's so-called Stars Wars research programme would lead to greater security, he said they should not dismiss out of hand that there "might be something in it for us"—evidently meaning Europe rather than the US.



General Rogers — give Europe fair deal

He emphasised the importance of Nato's deployment of ground-launched cruise missiles, like those at Greenham Common and Pershing II ballistic missiles on schedule. This would prove that Moscow had no veto over the alliance's plans and would force Soviet negotiators to agree reductions in their numbers.

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MPs to oppose use of lie detector

By Richard Norton-Taylor

The Commons employment committee is expected to warn the Government in a report to be published today that individual rights would be threatened and industrial relations would be seriously damaged if the polygraph, or lie detector, were introduced by British companies.

The committee, which has a Tory majority, decided to investigate the polygraph — widely used in the US but severly criticised in Britain, notably by the British Psychological Society — after the Government decided to use the machine in GCHQ in the wake of the Geoffrey Prime spy case.

Although the Government planned to start using polygraphs at GCHQ last spring and has built facilities to house the machines at the intelligence-gathering centre based in Cheltenham. The polygraph has still not been tested on staff as part of their positive vetting procedures there.

It is understood that the use has been delayed partly because of technical problems. MPs on the committee say that evidence they have heard casts doubt on the accuracy of the machine, whose effectiveness, they say, could anyway be undermined by trained spies.

At the very least, they suggest, an independent assessment of the polygraph should be made if the Government insists on going ahead with its plans. If pressure in the private sector for the use of the polygraph in interviews with employers grows, then there should be a code of conduct and a proper licensing system, the MPs say.

The committee also touches on the potential use of the polygraph in police interviews. The results of lie detector tests are not admissable as evidence in court.

Changing jobs

Lord Flowers, chairman of the Committee of Vice Chancellors, is to give up the post to recover from illness and to prepare for his new job in September as Vice-Chancellor of London University.

Minister to discuss gaol officers' safety

From Paul Johnson in Belfast

Officials of the Prison Officers' Association will today meet the Northern Ireland minister responsible for prisons, Mr Nicholas Scott, to voice fears about their members working in the province's gaols.

The meeting comes after the funeral yesterday of Mr Patrick Kerr, the prison officer shot dead outside St Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh on Sunday.

Allegations have meanwhile been made that Mr Kerr had been involved in court cases over the treatment of prisoners at the Maze.

After the shooting the IRA claimed that Mr Kerr had been killed because he was involved in the harassing and beating of Republican inmates in the prison.

The Northern Ireland Office said yesterday that there were claims in October, 1982, from two Loyalists prisoners that they had been injured during disturbances. Both cases were due to go before the courts but were settled beforehand for "comparatively small sums," along with an admission of liability.

The Northern Ireland Office spokesman said Mr Kerr was in charge of a group of officers who were called to restore order during these disturbances. But he pointed out that it had nothing to do with Republican prisoners and denied that Mr Kerr had been involved in beatings.

Several hundred mourners attended yesterday's funeral, including Unionist and Nationalist politicians and many of Mr Kerr's colleagues.

During the requiem mass police patrolled the grounds of the cathedral where Mr Kerr, a principal officer at the Maze, had been shot in the head as he stood with two of his young children after worship.

His widow, Maura, and 11-year-old daughter, Deidre, were at the service, although the children who saw their father killed, Gregory aged seven, and five-year-old Kristen, were absent.

During the service the Maze prison chaplain, Father Raymond Murray, a vociferous critic of the security forces in Northern Ireland, said Mr Kerr had braved death on many occasions to attend Mass. He described the killing as a scandal and a blow to the community.

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Douglas Hurd, said yesterday that Mr Kerr's death was particularly brutal and tragic. Speaking in Belfast, he said it would show the world that to portray the Northern Ireland problem in terms of Catholics against Protestants was nonsense. It was the terrorists against everyone else.

Redgrave 'frail'

The actor Sir Michael Redgrave, aged 76, who suffers from Parkinson's Disease, was in a nursing home yesterday after being discharged from hospital. A St Bartholomew's Hospital spokesman said: "His condition is still frail but stable."





Men with a royal fixture

TWO of British sport's elder statesmen, former England cricket captain Keith Fletcher (left) and Scotland footballer Kenny Dalglish (above with family) received awards from the Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

The 40-year-old Essex batsman was awarded the OBE and was asked by the Queen how long he planned to continue playing. "I told her as long as I'm fairly fit — another year or two," he said.

Dalglish, aged 33, the Liverpool and former Celtic holder of a record 97 Scottish caps, avoided the temptation of toasting his MBE in traditional style. "I'll have a drink if we beat York tomorrow," he said.

Miners go for trial

Three miners were yesterday sent for trial accused of murdering a Cardiff taxi driver, David Wilkie. Mr Wilkie, aged 35, a father of three, was killed last November when a concrete block fell from a bridge and hit him as he drove a miner to Merthyr Vale pit, mid-Glamorgan.

Reginald Dean Hancock, aged 21, of Rhymney Bridge, Rhymney; Russell Shankland, 21, of Manes Street, Rhymney, and Anthony Williams, 26, of Tyu Coch, Rhymney, were accused at Merthyr magistrates' court of murdering him.

They also faced a second charge of conspiring together to damage property with intent to enganger life. The stipendary magistrate, Mr David Rowlands, granted all three legal aid. Williams was remanded on £1,000 bail; Hancock and Shankland, both single, were remanded in custody until the trial.

CND chief sued on tax

The Inland Revenue yesterday began county court proceedings against the CND leader, Monsignor Bruce Kent, to recover £31 in unpaid taxes. Mgr Kent said he withheld 15 per cent of some taxes due in protest against Britain's nuclear policy. He believed that was the percentage spent on defence and said he was not prepared to contribute to it.

A registrar sat in private at Clerkenwell County Court in London and set a date for the hearing for the first available day after April 1, Mgr Kent's solicitor, Mr Geoffrey Bindman, said afterwards.

He said that if the county court action was successful it would simply be that Mgr Kent would be ordered to pay the £31, plus £6 court costs. After the hearing Mgr Kent said he would continue to withhold 15 per cent of his taxes.

THE DAY IN POLITICS

PM will take firm message to Reagan on the US deficit

QUESTION TIME

By Colin Brown

The Prime Minister promised MPs yesterday to take a firm message with her to President Reagan in Washington on the US budget deficit, and to urge a crackdown on American funding of the IRA.

Tory MPs urged Mrs Thatcher during question time in the Commons to take a more robust stance against the US economic policies in her talks with President Reagan.

But the Labour leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, picked up her recent remark that she was the President's "greatest fan" and gently mocked her by advising her to flatter President Reagan by copying his policies.

Mr Kinnock said the US economic policies had resulted in unemployment being reduced by 1.1 million while it had risen by 150,000 in Britain, industrial production had gone up by 6 per cent against a fall in Britain of 1.5 per cent and interest rates had fallen in the US by 10 per cent while ours had gone up substantially.

He reminded Mrs Thatcher that during this period when the dollar stood at 1.45 to the pound she had said: "I would rather be in our position which is sustainable." He asked her whether as she changed her pounds for dollars that had still been her view.

Mrs Thatcher replied: "Yes, I think we are in a much more sustainable position."

The chairman of the all-party Commons Select Committee on Treasury Affairs, Mr Terence Higgins, (C. Worthing), asked Mrs Thatcher to stress to President Reagan the need for international contingency plans to deal with a possible short-term collapse in the value of the dollar and to stress how absurd it would be if the strongest economy in the world resorted to protectionist measures.

She replied, "This is a point which I will be putting very strongly. Trading partners and many developing countries need trade as much as aid with regard to what would happen with a sudden collapse, the consequences could be very brutal. I will of course be pointing that out."

The Shadow Chancellor, Mr Roy Hattersley also issued a "farewell" message to Mrs Thatcher saying, "Instead of veering from the sycophantic to the hysterical the Prime Minister ought to learn the lessons of the US experience." These included that fiscal expansion would reduce unemployment.



Mrs Thatcher at Heathrow yesterday on her way to Washington

Mrs Thatcher's exchanges in the Commons with Mr Kinnock were noticeably warmer than during the exchange of letters over the Ponting affair. She thanked him when he supported her in condemning fund raising in the US by Noraid, which helped to provide weapons for the IRA. She said she would try to do "as much as I can to prevent any money coming from Noraid."

Mrs Thatcher will be returning to Britain on Thursday after carrying the message to prevent further funds being raised in the United States which could be used for terrorism in Ulster.

Labour attack GLC clawback plan

TRANSPORT

By Alan Travis

LEGISLATION to claw back from the Greater London Council £50 million of grants for London Regional Transport, had to be quickly expedited through the Commons, to end the uncertainty about the council's rate this year, Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Transport Secretary, said yesterday.

He was speaking during the Second Reading of the debate on the London Regional Transport (Amendment) Bill, which the Government introduced after a High Court judgment blocked its claim on the GLC cash.

Mr Ridley told MPs yesterday: "A court judgment went against us as a result of which £50 million is in dispute. If we did not bring this bill forward now and if the money remained with the GLC, the money would either have to be found from LRT's passengers or from the ratepayers in future years."

He suggested that if the GLC kept the cash, it would probably go on propaganda fronts rather than towards cutting the rates.

"It would not have helped LRT or the GLC if we had gone through the process of appeal, only to end up without the correct amount having to be paid and facing further legal disputes and uncertainty." After studying the relevant law, he said the risks of that happening would be too great. Unless the matter was resolved quickly the High Court judgment would leave both LRT and the GLC with uncertainties over their budgets.

The remaining stages of the bill will be taken on Thursday to "expedite its progress."

Mr Ridley said: "The question which the House must decide is whether the residual amount of grant — the £258.2 million — specified in the bill, is reasonable in relation to LRT's requirements."

He admitted it would lead a cash surplus of £30 million but LRT had to meet liabilities of £21 million for voluntary redundancies alone.

"I ask the House, how can it be wrong to insist that money paid by the ratepayers for LRT should be given to LRT, especially when it is needed? If this bill were not passed and if the money stayed with the GLC, that money would have to be found from the London passenger, or the London ratepayers," concluded Mr Ridley.

Mrs Gweneth Dunwoody, the Shadow Transport Secretary, said the Government was asking the GLC for a sum of money to which it had no legal right.

"We are asking today to take legislation which is retrospective because a court of law found that the Secretary of State, had acted unlawfully, irrationally and procedurally improperly in giving a direction which exceeded his statutory powers and without consultation of the GLC.

"Four times at the despatch box, the Secretary of State said he could not discuss this issue because it was sub-judice as there was going to be an appeal. He sought to mislead the Commons. He had no intention of appealing and did not appeal against the judgment that ministers in any other Government would have felt obliged to resign over."

Mrs Dunwoody said that Mr Ridley had created another bill but was not prepared to accept that he was wrong and was now set to change the rules.

If the GLC got its money back it would lead to lower London rates or better services for Londoners: "This is nasty shabby little battle in his war of attrition with the GLC," said Mrs Dunwoody.

THE BUDGET

Lump sum tax warning

By our Political Staff

THE CHANCELLOR, Mr Nigel Lawson, was yesterday warned by a Tory backbencher that he would have difficulty getting Commons approval for a tax on lump sum pension payments if he went ahead with the proposals in his budget next month.

Mr Robert Jackson, the Conservative MP for Wantage, said at a press conference in the Commons that his Commons motion opposing the taxing of lump sum payments had now been signed by 231 MPs, including 129 Tories.

If the Chancellor proceeded with the proposal it was unlikely that he would be able to get it through Parliament if all those who had signed the motion voted against the Government.

Mr Jackson said, "I think he has been headed off from this proposal by the number who have signed this Commons motion and the lobbying which has been going on. It seems he may now have moved off the whole area of pension tax reform. The consequences of this may be that he is fixing his beady eye on investment income. I hope the other people opposing this work on him."

Mr Lawson's assurance to Parliament that his budget would not have retrospective consequences on lump sum payments had failed to prevent fears continuing that he would still tax them. After his assurance a further 100 MPs signed Mr Jackson's motion.

Mr Jackson said he had taken up the issue because of the strength of feeling among constituents which was obviously felt in other areas. Taxing the lump sum payments would also undermine the basic Conservative philosophy of prudent saving and of the capital-earning democracy. It would mean benefits would be reduced or contributions would be higher.

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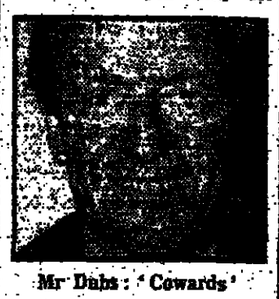
Debate call on report

THE Labour Party is to press for a full parliamentary debate on the Commission for Racial Equality's debate on the Commission for Racial Equality's report, which claimed that British immigration rules are racist in operation, writes Aileen Ballantyne.

Mr Alf Dubs, the Opposition spokesman on race relations, said that if the Government were not prepared to subject themselves to an early debate on the report, it was clear they were "running scared."

Interviewed on London Weekend Television's Eastern Eye last night, he said: "If they are not prepared to debate it, then I say they are cowards."

Mr David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home Office with responsibility for race relations, said on the programme that criticisms in the report "were not all that important."



Mr Dubs: 'Cowards'

The 200-page report, which has been with the Home Office for a year for factual amendment and comment, recommended that the Race Relations Act should be amended to cover the work of the immigration authorities.

ALLIANCE RISE

Poll 'out of line'

By James Naughtie

LABOUR strategists are dismissing last week's surge by the Alliance in one opinion poll as an aberration, but are admitting that the Labour Party faces an uphill task in the shire county elections in May.

Last week's Gallup Poll, showing Labour at 32 per cent, only 0.5 per cent ahead of the Alliance parties, with the Conservatives at 35 per cent, is being discounted as out of line with other polls since the new year showing a marked Labour recovery, according to senior party sources.

In particular, the party claims that private polling shows a dramatic increase in support among younger voters at the expense of the Alliance which, it is said, represents an important trend.

But it is acknowledged that the shire elections will produce a very hard fight with the Alliance. One party strategist said last night: "We are defending something of a high water mark."

He went on to say that it was expected that the Alliance would make significant gains and it was Labour's task to defend as much territory as possible.

Fears over crackdown on kerb-crawlers

By our Political Staff

THE Shadow Home Affairs minister, Mr Clive Soley, will today lead attempts to change the Sexual Offences Bill, which makes kerb-crawling a criminal offence.

Mr Soley, who has the support of all the Labour MPs on the committee stage of the bill and, one Conservative, Mr Matthew Parris (Derbyshire W), believes it could lead to innocent people being found guilty of a criminal offence.

He will be tabling an amendment at the opening of the committee stage to write into the bill the proviso that it should only be an offence for a man to solicit a woman for prostitution if it takes place "in a manner which causes nuisance or fear."

Mr Soley said yesterday that although he understood the concern of the bill's supporters that this would not stop the nuisance to residents from kerb-crawling, it could avoid ordinary members of the public being found guilty for soliciting when they had innocently stopped a car to ask a woman a question.

The Home Office Minister, Mr David Mellor, will strongly oppose the amendment on the grounds that it would provide such a potentially wide-ranging defence as to virtually make the bill inoperable.

It will also be opposed by the bill's promoter, Miss Janet Fookes (C. Plymouth Drake), who came second in the ballot of MPs, for the right to introduce private members' legislation.

Mr Soley's amendment will be supported by five other Labour MPs on the committee in addition to Mr Parris, who has tabled a series of other amendments which will considerably reduce some of its penalties.

It is unlikely that the seven MPs will be able to defeat the bill's supporters on the committee stage but they will be pressing for a further amendment to be inserted to ensure that when the Sexual Offences Bill becomes law the Home Secretary is obliged to report to Parliament in two years' time on its operation.

If it is found then that innocent people are being caught within the bill's net there will be further demands for it to be amended.

The Law Society also expressed fears yesterday that the bill could lead to the wrongful conviction of innocent men.

It said that unless the observer of the alleged offence is close enough to hear what the man is saying to the woman innocent actions like asking the time could be construed as soliciting. Equally, a man guilty of the offence could walk free, because the evidence of a single observer, whether a policeman or a member of the public, could in other cases be insufficient to secure a conviction.

The society said: "The man's question 'Do you know the time?' is likely to be answered by the woman with a shake of the head, if she has no watch. The inference from evidence given by an observer describing those actions, might well be that the man had solicited the woman for the purpose of prostitution, but had been refused."

The society said that one of their members, a solicitor had been stopped by police allegedly for kerb-crawling in a red light area, when he was really looking for a house on behalf of a client. "In the course of his search, he saw a small number of clients walking along the street whose presence he acknowledged with a wave. He was subsequently told by a police officer that his car had been observed driving through the area that night, as had his behaviour in waving to passers-by at a slow pace."

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Poison toads on the march

Sydney: Millions of cane toads, which grow as big as dinner plates and secrete a deadly poison, appear intent on conquering much of Australia after being brought here 50 years ago to kill insects devastating the sugar cane crop.

The ugly import, originally native, to Latin America, was brought from Hawaii to Queensland and failed miserably in its work.

But the toads flourished quickly and soon moved south in alarming numbers to make an unwelcome appearance in Brisbane. The scientific community is preparing to fight back.

"It is not very pleasant to walk into your garden at night and find 50 of these creatures on your back lawn." Dr Harold Cogger, curator of reptiles and amphibians at the Australian Museum, said.

The toads peformed well in Hawaii, where insects had happily plundered sugar cane free from any threat from native frogs and toads. But the impact was minimal here because there were 40 or so native species already doing the same job. "They were a stupid thing to bring in." Dr Cogger said.

Unhindered by any natural controls on its population, the cane toad has been hopping into the neighbouring Northern Territory and has been seen as far south as Sydney.

There is little scientific knowledge about the implications for Australia's unique wildlife, but many conservationists believe animals and reptiles are being poisoned by eating the toad.

Scientists and wildlife experts gathered in Brisbane recently for a toad symposium and proposed a nationally-funded research programme on how to manage the creatures.

The lack of general knowledge about the toad has led to a degree of panic. The disappearance of three laboratory toads from a university in Adelaide last year prompted a government reward of £130 per toad, dead or alive.

There are conflicting views over whether the toad has the resilience to establish itself permanently in the non-tropical south.

Scientists will now look into the use of biological warfare such as imported viruses to control the toad.—Reuter.

Dawn swoop as violence flares in shanty town

South Africa seizes black leaders in raids on opposition

From Barry Streek in Cape Town

The South African Government cracked down on the anti-apartheid movement yesterday with dawn raids across the country which brought to an end the recent period of partial conciliation. Nine leaders of the multi-racial opposition group, the United Democratic Front, were arrested and six of them will be charged with high treason.

The raids coincided with fresh violence in the black shanty town of Crossroads, near Cape Town, where thousands of rioting black youths fought heavily-armed police in a second day of clashes. Police said the death toll in the clashes rose to at least nine.

The rioting was sparked by government plans to demolish the squatter town and relocate its 65,000 black residents.

Dozens of homes and offices in several cities were also raided in the crackdown.

The anti-apartheid campaigners arrested included Mrs Albertina Sisulu, a president of the UDF, whose husband, Walter, is serving a life sentence for his ANC activities.

The UDF leaders charged will join seven other UDF figures in a treason trial scheduled to begin in Durban on March 29. They include most of those who took refuge in the British consulate in Durban last year.

Eight of the arrests were made in Johannesburg and one in the Cape town of Oudtshoorn. Among them were the UDF's national treasurer, Mr Cassim Saloojee, its Transvaal vice-president, the Rev Frank Chikane, and Professor Ismael Mohamed, of the University of the Witwatersrand.

Offices and homes searched included those of UDF officials, the Natal Indian Congress, the Transvaal Indian Congress, the Release Mandela Committee, the United Committee for Concern, the Soweto Youth Congress and the Alexandra Youth Committee.

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The UDF, which was formed in 1983, consists of more than 600 different affiliated organisations and is regarded as the largest anti-apartheid grouping in South Africa. It was one of the key organisations behind the boycott of the Coloured and Indian elections last year, and was also one of the bodies involved in last year's stay-home protest in Transvaal.

It has been heavily attacked by the Government for its "confrontationist" politics and has been accused of being a front for the ANC.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, has warned that UDF activities are being watched closely. Last week, he said that the Government would not tolerate the activities of the people behind school boycotts and disturbances in black residential areas.

The veteran civil rights campaigner, Mrs Helen Suzman, strongly criticised the raids and arrests, saying that they showed the Government was determined not to allow an extra-parliamentary opposition to develop. "The Government takes no cognisance of the fact that a large number of people belonging to the UDF have no means of political expression" she said.

In the new violence in the tense Crossroads camp yesterday, hundreds of people sheltering behind makeshift corrugated iron shields advanced on police lines, but were dispersed with volleys of rubber bullets and birdshot.

The clashes began about an hour before Government officials and community leaders were due to meet in an attempt to diffuse the tension.



Rights campaigner, Mrs Helen Suzman (top): criticised raid. Law and Order Minister, Mr Louis le Grange: frequent warnings

Mugabe delays elections to June

From Andrew Meldrum in Harare

ZIMBABWE will not hold elections next month and they will probably not take place before June, the government announced here yesterday.

The elections are not possible in March or April because of the work needed to evaluate the large turnout of Zimbabweans who have registered to vote, and to draw up the country's constituencies based on those new voters rolls, the Minister of Justice, Mr Eddison Zvobgo, said yesterday.

Some three million of Zimbabwe's 7.8 million people registered to vote in an exercise which was kept open until February 15. The Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, had said that he hoped to hold the elections in March, but the large number of new voters and the work needed to draw up new electoral districts has ruled out elections in March or April, said Mr Zvobgo. He added that the polls would probably be held in the middle of the year.

Mr Mugabe said at the weekend that the elections might not be until June.

Mr Zvobgo said that the delay might be advantageous to Zimbabwe's minority parties by giving them more time to campaign. "We do not want the opposition or the minority parties to start squealing, saying that they did not have enough time to campaign. They have enough time so that when they are trounced, they are trounced fairly in a free and fair election," Mr Zvobgo said.

Diplomats here fear that campaigning has already brought Zimbabwe's political and ethnic tensions to a dangerously high level. They had hoped that factional strife would have subsided after early elections, but now think that an extended campaigning period might only encourage more political violence.

Gangs of supporters of the rival ruling Zanu and opposition Zapu parties threw the central city of Kwekwe into turmoil on Sunday and forced the Zapu leader, Mr Joshua Nkomo to cancel his rally there.

Sudan admits long-term hunger problem

From Kathryn Davies in Khartoum

President Gafa'ar Numeiri's agricultural adviser has admitted that the country faces long-term problems in feeding its own people as the Sudanese Government continues its controversial policy of moving several thousand drought victims from camps close to the capital back to their home provinces in western Sudan.

Mr Omer Al Amin said this week that the problems of drought and desert encroachment had led to a marked deterioration in agricultural output, which had added to Sudan's chronic economic problems. These have led to a shortage of foreign exchange, of which a notable effect is the inability to pay for fuel imports.

The British Minister for Overseas Development, Mr Timothy Raison, is now in Sudan visiting the drought-affected areas and monitoring the progress of British aid projects. Sudan is Britain's third largest aid recipient after India and Bangladesh, receiving the equivalent of £32 million annually in aid.

Critics of the government's agricultural policies argue that man-made errors in western Sudan have resulted in "desertification" — desert encroachment on previously cultivatable land at a rate of five miles a year. Farmers in western Sudan had been told to grow cash crops, such as sesame and groundnuts, instead of dura or sorghum, the staple cereal of the Sudanese diet.

Whereas the cultivation of sorghum is on small plots around villages, cash crops need what is known as "clean cultivation," larger plots in more exposed areas. Once the sesame was harvested, desert winds blew away the topsoil. As a result, people in western Sudan have gradually become less able to earn the money with which to purchase cereals grown in other provinces.

Another problem is the misuse of underground water resources. Little attention has been paid to planned irrigation in the west, and Sudan has no legislation governing the use of water. Farmers have been encouraged to bring their animals to areas around waterholes bored at random and these have overgrazed the available savannah grasses.

A spokesman for Britain's Overses Development Agency in Khartoum said that the agency was coming to the end of its large-scale infrastructural projects, notably power stations, and would in future concentrate its Sudanese assistance on the development of natural resources, including agricultural research, rural development, fisheries, and forestry. Mr Raison would visit the western savannah project in Darfur which Britain is co-financing with the World Bank.

Long queues of cars form outside petrol stations in Khartoum overnight waiting to collect a weekly ration of four gallons. President Numeiri has ordered markets and shopping centres to close at 5 p.m. instead of 10

Visitors to the camps on the outskirts of Omdurman, Khartoum's twin city on the western shore of the White Nile, reported that several thousand displaced people from the western regions of Kordofan and Darfur were still squatting there, despite the government's announcement that everyone had been sent home in trucks.

Diplomats in Khartoum said that many of those who have been taken to Kordofan were already making their way back to the capital, while thousands of others have gone to the Gezira region immediately south of Khartoum where there is food and water.

Vietnamese 'using lethal gas'

From Nicholas Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok

Thailand is protesting to the United Nations, about the alleged use by Vietnamese troops of shells armed with lethal gas and fired into Thai territory.

The Thai army's scientific department said it had found traces of phosgene gas and hydrogen cyanide in remnants of shell casings of four rockets said to have hit a village near the border town of Aranyaprathet, killing several villagers.

A Thai Foreign Ministry spokesman had no details of the evidence acquired by the army or of the number of villagers affected, but had concluded on the strength of the information provided by the army that an immediate protest was called for.

The Thai protest note also refers to an alleged incursion by Vietnamese troops into Thailand's Buriram province at the weekend.

There have been many allegations of Vietnamese use of toxic substances in Indo-China in the past, but none has been substantiated.

Reform pledge in S. Korea

Seoul: The new Prime Minister, Mr Lho Shin Yong, was sworn in yesterday with a pledge to bring fuller democracy to South Korea.

Mr Lho, aged 54, a former intelligence chief, told a press conference that the result of last Tuesday's general election reflected the will of the people for democratic freedom. — Reuter.



THE RISING SUN: Japan looks to its defences, and, right, the Prime Minister, Mr Nakasone, watches the military on parade

Tokyo sets out conditions for nuclear defence

From Robert Whymant in Tokyo

The Prime Minister Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone said yesterday that Tokyo would allow the United states to use nuclear weapons in joint operations if Japan was in danger.

He was replying to an opposition Communist who asked in Parliament if there was any possibility of US naval ships using nuclear weapons in joint operations with Japan if the country came under attack.

"If Japan is invaded and her fate is in danger, I cannot think of rejecting the idea," Mr Nakasone said.

The United States provides Japan with a nuclear umbrella under their security treaty although Japan bans the production, possession, and arrival of nuclear weapons.

Japan is ready to welcome an American nuclear-armed warship, banned by New Zealand, the Government said yesterday.

The decision has renewed criticism that Japan has surrendered to American pressure. The Foreign Minister, Mr Shintaro Abe, said at the weekend that Japan was bound by its security treaty arrangements with the United States to accept a call by the destroyer, Buchanan, the ship at the centre of the row between the American and New Zealand governments.

The Foreign Ministery said that Japan could not refuse the Buchanan unless the United States advised the Government that the ship carried nuclear weapons. "It is essential that US warships be permitted to make calls in Japan as part of the US deterrent mission in the western Pacific," a ministry official said.

Opposition MPs have renewed their attacks on the Prime Minister for trying to build up Japan's military power. "The Government is now disregarding Japan's policy of prohibiting nuclear weapons from entering the country" Mr Makoto Tanabe, secretary-general of the Japan Socialist Party, said.

In contrast to New Zealand's ban on the Buchanan because Washington refused to say whether it carries nuclear arms. Japan interprets Washington's traditional silence as meaning that no nuclear arms are being carried into its ports.

Critics contend that this arrangement has effectively evolved into a tacit agreement by Tokyo to allow American nuclear-armed warships to visit Japan. Surveys show that 70 per cent of Japanese believe the United States is breaching Japan's official non-nuclear policy.

Mr Nasamichi Inoki, former head of the Defence Adademy, says that Japan acquiesces in the "entry" of nuclear weapons, provided the US does not store or deploy them on Japanese soil.

"I think the reality is that United States warships are freely entering with nuclear weapons that are in transit only, and the Government accepts this, said Mr Inoki, director of the Research Institute for Peace and Security.

● The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr David Lange, said yesterday that the United States had withdrawn two more invitations to New Zealand to take part in military exercises following his government's ban on visits by nuclear ships.

Mr Lange said the fresh cancellation of all non-routine defence contacts left him "with a bit of egg on my face. But that is worth it for this policy," he said. "We have spoken as a country, the Government has a policy and it's going to stand up to it."

Khan held in Zia's poll swoop

From Eric Silver in Lahore

Air Marshal Asghar Khan, the last mainstream Pakistani opposition politician to remain at liberty, was flown under escort yesterday from Karachi to his home in North-west Frontier province and placed under house arrest.

The military regime thus completed its haul of opposition leaders, all of whom are now in prison or under restriction. Air Marshal Khan had flown to Karachi on Monday night, apparently to back the call for a boycott of next week's national and provincial assembly elections. He and his son were detained on arrival and held overnight in an hotel.

The homes of those placed under house arrest are declared to be "sub-gaols," with armed police posted outside, all visitors are barred and telephones disconnected. The latest arrests are seen here as a measure of President Zia ul-Haq's concern at the response to the boycott plan.

The President is reconciled to a relatively low turnout. He told reporters during a brief visit to Lahore yesterday: "Anything above a 40 per cent vote is a bonus. Anything below 40 per cent is a loss."

General Zia has still not announced what powers the elected assembly will exercise and this compounds the prevailing lack of enthusiasm for the campaign.

Yesterday, he would only say that the promised constitutional changes had been approved by the military leadership and that he would announce them when he was ready—perhaps before polling day, perhaps after. Expediency, he explained, demanded that they should not be made public prematurely.

● Fourteen Indian hijackers, some of whom have been in Pakistani custody since 1981, will be tried next month. They face a maximum penalty of death if convicted of commandeering Air India planes on separate occasions in 1981 and last year. The men are all Sikhs.

Planes evade rebel missiles

Islamabad: Soviet and Afghan aircraft using Kabul airport now fire more flares to deceive Muslim guerrillas' heat-seeking missiles, Western diplomats said here yesterday.

They said that two Antonov transport planes dropped 48 flares each on take-off from the heavily-guarded airport last week. Some of the flares fell in the grounds of the US and West German embassies, causing small fires. — Reuter.

Naga rebels kill 13 soldiers in ambush

New Delhi: Separatist guerrillas in India's turbulent north-eastern state of Manipur ambushed an army lorry, killing 13 soldiers and one civilian, near the border with Burma, the United News of India reported yesterday.

Guerrillas of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland, a pro-Chinese secessionist organisation, ambushed the lorry in the Urkhul district.

The Chief Minister, Mr Rishing Keishing, said that the guerrillas escaped with some arms and ammunition, and that an intensive hunt had been launched to trace the rebels.

The National Socialists Council of Nagaland is composed of young Naga and Mantipuri tribespeople active in the two border states of Manipur, where they have carried out a series of hit-and-run campaign, and Nagaland. The guerrillas made an abortive attempt to assassinate Mr Keishing last December, killing four security men.

The Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, meanwhile announced that there would be no official inquiry into the anti-Sikh rioting in which at least 2,770 people died after his mother's murder by two Sikh bodyguards last October.

Mr Gandhi told an election meeting in the central state of Madhya Pradesh that an inquiry would not be in the interests of the Sikhs. "I do not want any anti-Sikh atmosphere to be built up again," he said. "Some extremists want to hold the Sikhs and the country to ransom. This will not be allowed."

There are so many candidates standing in one constituency in the state of Karnataka that ballot papers the size of a table top have been printed. The deputy election commissioner, Mr V. Ramakrishna, said that the papers displayed and names and symbols of 301 candidates on both sides.

The Belgaum local writers' forum alone is fielding 298 independent candidates in protest against what it called "bogus voting" by a group that wants to incorporate part of the state into Maharashtra state.

The Bhopal gas disaster no longer draws much attention, but an Indian-born lawyer living in New York said yesterday that he had filed suits for compensation totalling $150 billion against the US chemicals corporation Union Carbide. The leak killed more than 2,500 people. Mr Gopaljee Jaiswal said he filed the suits on behalf of nearly 1,000 people affected by the gas.

● More than 300 hungry Sri Lankan Tamil refugees landed in southern India yesterday, part of a continuing exodus to escape their homeland, troubled by ethnic violence. At least 4,767 "boat people" have now landed in India since February 4.—AP/Reuter.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Karpov wants to resume

THE world chess champion, Anatoly Karpov, called yesterday for immediate resumption of his title match against his compatriot, Gary Kasparov, which was abandoned last week. He insisted that he was fit enough to play on.

"I want to start again as fast as possible so nobody can say time helped me regain strength," Mr Karpov said. He was winning 5-3, after a record 48 games, when the match was abandoned. Mr Karpov has written today to the World Chess Federation's president, Mr Florencio Campomanes complaining about the cancellation, and asking Mr Campomanes to allow play to resume as soon as possible— Reuter.

Cruise launch

THE first free-flight test of a US cruise missile began yesterday over Canada's High Arctic amid protests by anti-nuclear demonstrators. The unarmed missile was launched from a US B-52 bomber over the frozen Beaufort Sea on a 1,500-mile flight to a weapons test range in northern Alberta — Reuter.

French swing

FRANCE's rightwing Opposition would defeat the ruling Socialists if parliamentary elections were held now, an opinion poll in the newspaper, Le Figaro, said yesterday. About 58 per cent of voters would support the Opposition, 40 per cent would vote for the left and 2 per cent for the ecologists. — Reuter.

Swedes protest

SWEDEN has lodged a protest with East Germany, accusing it of allowing immigrants from the Middle East to board ferries for Sweden without valid papers. The protest, which was handed to the East German ambassador in Stockholm on Friday, called on East Germany to stop the transit of people who had no entry visas for Sweden. — Reuter.

Memorial bomb

A BOMB damaged a large First World War memorial in Hamburg yesterday, spraying stone fragments up to 150 foot in several directions. Three anonymous letters warning of the impending attack were passed to police shortly before the bomb exploded. — AP.

Kuwaitis vote

KUWAIT's month-long election campaign drew to a close last night with 231 candidates competing for 50 seats in the Gulfs only democratically-elected National Assembly. *Jonathan Birchall writes from Kuwait.* Voting takes place today.

Stage fright

A HUNGARIAN actor, Laszlo Galffi, playing Richard II, was accidentally knifed during the murder scene and has been sent to a Budapest hospital for treatment. Doctors said yesterday that the actor had a punctured lung. — AP.

Anne on tour

PRINCESS Anne arrived in Calcutta yesterday to start a 10-day visit to India as president of the Save the Children Fund. Her trip in October was abandoned because of the assassination of the prime minister, Mrs Gandhi. — Reuter.

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Washington on the verge of recognising Soviet role

Russia and US closer to Middle East accord

From Hella Pick in Vienna

Mr Richard Murphy, the US Assistant Secretary for the Middle East, spent five hours yesterday in talks with his Soviet counterpart, Mr Vladimir Polyakoff, and afterwards said: "It has been very interesting."

This is the first time in seven years that the US has publicly acknowledged a readiness to draw the Soviet Union into a dialogue about the Middle East, and has come to the verge of recognising a Soviet role in an eventual Middle East settlement.

The Vienna talks, if they are successful, may also be the precursor of a wider US-Soviet dialogue on regional issues and on crisis management.

But already at this early stage, the talks imply a tacit recognition by the two superpowers that their forthcoming complex arms control negotiations cannot be conducted in isolation, and that progress in Geneva will require the establishment of a broader dialogue.

The US and the Soviet Union are, for the time being, refusing to divulge details of the Vienna talks which opened yesterday and are due to end today. The first session was held at the Soviet embassy, and today's meeting will be at the US embassy.

Both delegations are small, with three advisers on each side. Since Mr Polyakoff is fluent in English, they may be saving time by omitting the interpretation.

While the Middle East heads the agenda, the Americans have indicated that Afghanistan and Central America may also be raised.

This has brought speculation that Mr Murphy and Mr Polyakoff could touch on a trade-off. The US may offer to reduce its support for the Afghan guerrillas if, in exchange, the Soviet Union reduces military aid reaching El Salvador and Nicaragua.

Diplomatic sources here believe that tentative feelers have already been made in Moscow and Washington. It is rumoured that the US no longer supplies certain sophisticated arms to the Afghan resistance groups, while in return the Soviet Union has been withholding some of the weapons it previously sent to Central America.

There is also speculation that Mr Murphy may be calling on the Soviet Union to allow an increase in Jewish emigration. Last year, only 900 Soviet Jews, the lowest number for many years, reached the West. So far this year, only a handful have come out.

In Jerusalem, an Israeli official said that the Middle East talks would not contribute to peace in the region unless Moscow changed its attitude to Israel. He said the Soviet Union had to re-establish diplomatic ties with Israel, broken in 1967, before it could play a positive role in the area.

THE Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, yesterday condemned Washington's approach to superpower arms talks next month as lighthearted and hypocritical, saying that if the negotiations failed, the United States would be to blame. — Reuter



The Pope makes a gift of a book to Israel's Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, when the two met yesterday for talks at the Vatican

Shi'ites leave Sidon in shock

Gunmen shoot into air to protest against death of Israeli collaborator

From Julie Flint in Sidon

Sidon was in a state of shock yesterday after its invasion on Monday by thousands of Shi'ite Muslim fundamentalists from Beirut while residents were still celebrating Israel's weekend withdrawal.

The fundamentalists returned to Beirut after throwing Sidon into chaos for six hours, demanding the death of President Gemayel and an Islamic republic for Lebanon. That they left without firing their Kalashnikov assault rifles was described in some quarters as a success of sorts.

But the firing — the first since Israel's withdrawal — came yesterday when carloads of gunmen took over the centre of town for some 30 minutes, shooting into the air in apparent protest at the killing of an Israeli collaborator earlier in the day.

When the gunmen disappeared the Lebanese Army, which took over Sidon when the Israeli troops pulled back to their new front line on Sunday, sent in patrols and set up checkpoints.

Those shops that had not lowered their shutters in support of a strike called in protest against the fundamentalists' demonstration immediately did so.

For the rest of the day, Sidon was semi-deserted as in the worst days of the Israeli occupation.

The Lebanese army, deployed through Sidon and its environs to the delight of Christians and Muslims alike, did nothing to stop either the fundamentalists or the motorised gunmen.

Most officers explained this by saying that the fundamentalists came to "celebrate" the Israelis' departure: "We knew they would go back to Beirut."

A few added that Muslims are justified in travelling armed because of the presence of Phalangist militiamen along the last stretch of the main road from Beirut. This argument ignores the fact that it is Druze and Shi'ite, not Christian, militiamen who parade openly along the coast road, stopping drivers and occasionally taking them away for interrogation.

Whatever their explanation for Monday's chaos, the troops all agreed on one thing. "From today, no weapons."

Cars entering Sidon from the north yesterday were routinely stopped and searched. One officer said four Kalashnikovs were found and confiscated. But, as one young soldier said, voicing the concern now of every man in Sidon, "We can manage three or four. But on Monday there were thousands. What could we do?"

● Fears of civil strife in the South sent the Lebanese pound plunging in hectic trading on the Beirut foreign exchange market yesterday.

Jerusalem's abuse of rights condemned

Geneva: Israel was condemned in two resolutions adopted by the United Nations Human Rights Commission yesterday for violating human rights in occupied Arab territories. The commission urged the UN Security Council to impose sanctions on Israel.

The United States was the only country to oppose both resolutions, declaring parts of them "grossly distorting." Britain voted against the first. Its delegate, Sir Anthony Williams, took the unusual step of explaining his government's disapproval of the first resolution before the vote.

"We would have liked to support it," he said, "but this resolution contains even more language either extreme in tone or political in character (than last year's)."

The UNHRC assailed Israel's settlement policy and what it said was the confiscation or demolition of Arab property in the occupied territories, large-scale arrests, ill-treatment of the Arab population and torture of prisoners.

The second resolution, on which 10 countries, mostly western European, abstained, accused Israel of terrorising the Syrian population in the occupied northern Golan Heights.

The US delegate, Mr Richard Schifter, rejected criticism of the 'pro-Israeli position" of the US in the Security Council which the commission said had blocked attempts to impose sanctions on Israel.

"Each of us has the right to vote as our conscience dictates," Mr Schifter said, "but for the UN system to attempt to pass judgment (on these votes) is particularly offensive."

The commission declared that Israel's breaches of the 1949 Geneva Convention on the protection of civilians in time of war "are war crimes and an affront to humanity."

The commission condemned "terrorist actions perpetrated against the Palestinian inhabitants of the occupied territories by Jewish gangs, led by Rabbi Meir Kahane, member of the Knesset, and the racist Rabbi Moshe Levinger, the leader of the Gush Emmim gang, and other racist Zionists."—Reuter.

Israel ready to go back into Lebanon

From Ian Black in Jerusalem

Israeli troops will go back into south Lebanon temporarily after the completion of the three-stage withdrawal later in the year, if it is necessary to prevent guerrilla attacks across the international border, the Defence Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, said yesterday.

Mr Rabin told a meeting of the World Council of Synagogues in Jerusalem that only a "political solution" could end guerrilla warfare in Lebanon. "If there was an illusion that there could be one war in Lebanon, which could end terrorism, it has been proven that it was an illusion," he said.

The Defence Minister spoke shortly before visiting the south Lebanese village of Arab Selim, near the market town of Nabatiya, where an Israeli army colonel was killed in a guerrilla ambush on Monday. The colonel, one of the most senior officers to die in Lebanon, was involved in liaison work with the South Lebanese Army.

Yesterday, an Israeli soldier was wounded east of Lake Karoun when a bomb went off by the side of the road. Some 620 Israeli servicemen have died in Lebanon and more than 3,700 have been wounded since Israel invaded in June, 1982.

Public impatience with the growing casualty figures was expressed yesterday by the rightwing mass circulation newspaper, Yediot Aharonot.

In a rare front page editorial, it bemoaned the "murder of our men" while in the process of a total withdrawal.

The Minister of Communications, Mr Amnon Rubinstein, of the centrist Shinui Party, yesterday called on the Prime Minister, Mr Peres, to speed up the pace of the withdrawal from south Lebanon.

Saudi ship damaged in Gulf missile attack

Bahrain: A Saudi Arabian bunkering ship was hit in the Gulf yesterday by a missile apparently fired from an Iranian aircraft, bringing to three the number of suspected Iranian attacks on shipping in two days.

The Modammed al-Bakri 10 was heading for the main Saudi oil port of Ras Tannurah, on the western side of the Gulf, when it was attacked north-east of Qatar.

It was not immediately clear if there were casualties on board the 12,503-ton vessel, which carries fuel for ships, or how badly it was damaged.

A South Korean tanker and a Kuwaiti container ship hit in apparent Iranian air strikes on Monday have reached Dubai waters and were awaiting damage inspection yesterday. The two vessels appeared to have been hit by Iranian planes about 100 miles east of Qatar.—Reuter.

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In view of the previous record of dishonourable statements and stands by the regime and its illigitimacy and ill-practices on fundamental rights and principles, the Islamic Dawa Party unreservedly rejects the so-called amnesty and considers it a tactical decision by a weak regime at a moment of despair.

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The Islamic Dawa Party declares to all international organisations and governments that Iraqis are still persecuted by the regime on grounds of race, religion and political views and warns that the amnesty by Saddam is intended to cause further dangers to Iraqi opposition.

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Ploy is aimed at speeding up negotiations

Madrid links Nato membership with admission to EEC

From Derek Brown in Brussels

Failure by the EEC to admit Spain next year could force Madrid to think again about Nato membership, according to Spanish ministers.

The Foreign Minister, Mr Fernando Moran, said yesterday that unless EEC governments offered more attractive terms for membership, they could not expect Spanish "concessions in the field of defence." This oblique reference to Spanish membership of Nato echoed remarks in Madrid on Monday by the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Alfonso Guerra.

The Spanish Government is clearly hoping that the possibility of withdrawal from Nato will galvanise EEC governments, nine of which are Nato members. The ploy is designed to inject urgency into the ponderous accession negotiations, presently deadlocked on esoteric details of fishing and agriculture policy.

After two days of fruitless attempts to break the deadlock, Mr Moran tried yesterday to increase the negotiating pressure. He said that Spain could wait for three or four years if necessary to join the EEC. Failure to achieve the 1 next year would not harm accession deadline of January Spain economically, he claimed.

Mr Moran and the EEC foreign ministers talking here know, of course, that failure to meet the deadline could strongly influence the outcome of the Spanish referendum on Nato membership next February. The government has all but promised to back continued membership of Nato, if Spain is able to join the Community.

The latest problem in the painfully protracted negotiations centres on how to graft the Spanish into the Community's common fisheries policy. Spain has an enormous fishing fleet, with a capacity of about 70 per cent of all the Community fleets put together.

The EEC countries which have most to lose in the North Sea and the Atlantic have offered Spain a transitional period of up to 15 years before getting a full share in current EEC agreements. Madrid has rejected these terms.

The EEC commission has suggested a compromise featuring a seven-year transitional phase, but that is unacceptable to Britain, Germany, Denmark, France, and Ireland.

Parallel talks on the Community's continuing budget crisis have also run into deadlock. The Community is heading for a deficit of at least £1.2 billion this year. In addition, it cannot cover the £600 million reduction in British budget payments.

Britain and most other countries want to fill the gap by bringing forward plans to increase every country's contributions to the EEC from the start of 1986 to the autumn of this year. That would mean, in effect, Britain paying some £250 million towards her own rebate.

Germany, almost without support, is standing out against the revenue boosting scheme. The Foreign Minister, Mr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, yesterday insisted that the budget deficit could only be met by an inter-government whip-round.

It has become an article of faith in Bonn that any increase in EEC revenue must be linked to a successful outcome of the enlargement talks. Germany argues that without the spur of financial crisis, Community negotiators will stall.

With both sets of talks apparently hopelessly bogged down last night, ministers agreed to meet again next week.



A grieving relative holds his head in his hands while questioned by reporters about the plane crash in which 148 people died

Spanish airliner crash kills 148 outside Bilbao

From Jane Walker in Madrid

All 148 people on board a Spanish airliner were killed yesterday when it crashed into a mountain in fog as it was preparing to land at the northern Spanish city of Bilbao.

The Boeing 727 of the Spanish national airline Iberia hit a television relay tower on the 3,000-foot mount Oiz 10 minutes before it was due to land at Bilbao s Sondica airport on a scheduled flight from Madrid. It burst into flames, scattering wreckage over a mile-long path.

Several Britons were among the passengers.

Air traffic controllers said the aircraft disappeared from their screens about 15 minutes before it was due to land.

Bilbao airport, which is notorious for its low cloud and frequent fog, has an instrument landing system, and it is not clear why the control tower failed to warn the pilot that he was coming in too low. The plane was piloted by Commander Jose Luis Latino, and experienced Iberia pilot who is said to have known the airport well.

The Basque country's regional Premier, Mr Jose Antonio Ardanza, who took charge of the rescue operation, said there was no clear indication as to the cause of the crash.

By mid-afternoon more than 700 men were working at the crash site, sifting through the wreckage of the jet and collecting the charred and dismembered bodies. Their work was hampered by the mountainous terrain.

The plane's "black box" flight recorder was found last night near the crash scene.

A dairy worker in the nearby town of Marquina said: "I heard a terrific crash and then I saw flames. I saw a body falling from the sky. I tried to get up there with my tractor, but the flames were too strong and I could not get close enough."

Several Britons appear to have died in the crash. They included Mr Philip William Moon, aged 30, from Burnham Beeches, Buckinghamshire, who was area manager for Oxford University Press, and Mr Robert Wallace, who lived in Madrid and worked for an electronics company.

Among the passengers were the Bolivian Minister of Labour, Mr Gonzalo Guzman, who was on his way to visit the Bilbao plant of a British engineering company, and Mr Gregorio Lopez Bravo, a former Franco foreign minister.

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Reagan prepares to fend off criticism of dollar's strength

From Alex Brummer in Washington

President Reagan is expected to assure Mrs Thatcher today that he is prepared to resist the upsurge in protectionist sentiment on Capitol Hill and to maintain the US's new policy of more active intervention on the foreign exchange markets as part of an effort to stem the rise of the dollar.

This emerged at the White House yesterday as Mrs Thatcher flew to Washington for her second round of talks with President Reagan since he won reelection in November. The President is also expected to use the meeting to offer Britain a chance to take part in research and development of the strategic defence initiative (SDI).

The Administration clearly sees an opportunity to disarm its European doubters on Star Wars defence by directly involving them in lucrative commercial contracts. However, a senior official noted yesterday that, despite the Camp David statement on Stars Wars, reached on December 22, differences remained over the long-term application of strategic defence.

The White House is fully prepared for some criticism from Mrs Thatcher on the size of the US budget and trade deficits, and their effect on the international economy. The President will point out that he has stood strongly against protectionist sentiment in the country since he took office and will continue to do so.

There has been particular concern among British diplomats here about the enthusiasts growing on Capitol Hill, and within certain parts of the Administration, for a 20 per cent surcharge on all imports to the US market in an effort to cut the trade deficit of $130 billion.

The President "believes in a free and open market system" one senior official pointed out yesterday. He also reiterated the new American commitment to intervene on the foreign exchange markets when it is helpful in combatting currency instability. This policy, which began early this month, marks a significant shift in the Administration's economic stance and is clear evidence of growing concern about the damage which the dollar is inflicting on US industry.

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Senate hears how Mengele escaped

From Michael White in Washington

The search for the Nazi war criminal, Josef Mengele, yesterday reached a subcommittee of the United States Senate on the contentious premise that the former Auschwitz camp doctor is still alive and can be brought to justice if the US and its Allies try hard enough.

The immediate stimulus prompting yesterday's hearing was the recent allegation by Rabbi Marvin Hier of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles that the American authorities allowed a prisoner known to his guards to be Mengele to slip through their fingers in Austria in 1945.

Fresh evidence came yesterday from a former GI, now a lawyer, called Dick Schwartz, who went to his own files and found proof that what others had told Rabbi Hier was true. Senator Joseph d'Amato, representing New York's Jewry, submitted a yellowing letter which Mr Schwartz had received from a friend to whom he had written describing his guard duty 40 years ago.

"Your description of your prisoners, the sterilisation doctor ... was very interesting. That is a swell crowd to be chumming around with, Dick. Don't forget to treat them rough. According to Uncle Eddy (a PoW) they were hard on our boys ..."

The sterilisation doctor was probably Mengele, as the US Army is now "tending" to accept, according to a cautious three-star general who was given a rough cross-examination yesterday about the military bureaucracy's continuing lethargy in the matter.

Among yesterday's witnesses were survivors of the experiments, particularly on women and twin children, that Mengle supervised.

One such survivor, Mark Berkowitz, then a blond, blue-eyed, 12-year-old twin arriving with his Jewish family, said that he had whispered: "Mother, this place does not smell kosher."

He became Mengele's messenger boy and lived, telling the senators yesterday that if they ever captured Mengele they would be in for a surprise. "You have never seen a more beautiful, polite person. He sounded like poetry."

If the Angel Of Death is still alive, he is 73, and the race is ostensibly against time.

Although technically banned, an estimated 10,000 Nazi war criminals from Germany and its client states got into the US.

In testimony yesterday, Mr Allan Ryan, the former head of the US Justice Department's Nazi-hunting team (belatedly established in 1979), said: "Once in this country they were free. No one cared. Congress did nothing, the executive did nothing, the press said nothing. The Nazis had been defeated militarily; Nazism as a political force was dead; the threat of the Soviet Union and its satellites was a real one."

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The big stick or the soft speaking?

Even by South African standards it did not take long to replace the hesitantly proffered *hand of conciliation with the much* more familiar mailed fist of repression. On January 25 President Botha was telling the first session of the new triracial parliament, among many other positive-sounding things: "Steps to promote orderly *urbanisation and to eliminate negative* and discriminatory aspects of influx control are receiving urgent consideration. It is also the government's firm intention that problems, relating to the resettlement of communities will be given attention and resolved to the greater satisfaction of all those concerned." Analysts and commentators were encouraged by government officials to read even more into the inaugural address in terms of good intentions than it actually contained, which were remarkable enough in the context. Within a week the *relevant minister announced a temporary* freeze on the forced removal of blacks and Mr Botha offered freedom to Mr Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress, if he would renounce violence.

The residents of Crossroads, a shanty-town outside Cape Town built by Africans desperate for work and housing, took a sceptical view of the promised new approach and rioted over rumours that they were about to be forcibly removed to the ironically-named Khayelitsha ("our new home"). The same minister, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, indignantly denied any such intention—at any rate until proper consultation had taken place. But since Dr Viljoen specifically excluded unsanctioned shanty-towns from his freeze the concern of the Crossroads people is entirely understandable, even if they are wrong about the timing. It is the policy of the government to "relocate" all the Africans in the Western Cape to Khayelitsha, a bleak and barren area of sandy flatland some 25 miles from Cape Town, a project which will eventually entail the removal of between a quarter and a third of a million people. In proportional *terms this will be one of the greatest shifts* of population in world history.

Meanwhile Mr Mandela's refusal on principle to accept *anything less than* unconditional release after 22 years in prison, coupled with a demand for recognition of the ANC as a negotiating partner, has been followed this week by one of the most sweeping crackdowns on anti-apartheid leaders in *many* years. The *target* is the United Democratic Front, a loosely organised confederation of groups sharing the aims of the ANC. By laying the ludicrously inappropriate and trumped-up charge of high treason against those detained, the government shows it equates support of ANC goals with approval of its methods, including violence, even though the UDF has not even been banned.

Ready at all times to shoot the destitute and lock up dissidents, the government balked at taking on the Roman Catholic Church. The head of its local hierarchy, the white Archbishop Denis Hurley of Durban, was set free by a court when the state decided not to prosecute him for allegedly defaming the police. The lame excuse that he was found to have been misquoted was probably a lesser consideration than the dossier of police brutality in Namibia assembled by his defence. Yet the credibility gap between the presidential address and a long and still continuing tradition of kaffir-bashing has been widened to a bottomless *chasm by this week's police initiatives.* There is no prize for guessing which attitude the inhabitants of Crossroads identify as the true face of Afrikanerdom. The President should tell his repressive right fist what his conciliatory left hand is doing. Will the real Mr Botha please stand up—and then sit down with Mr Mandela?

Clive and the Chap factor

It's curious, in British public life, how the Cult of the Good Chap (Basil Radford, Naughton Wayne, Charters and Caldicott) lingers on long after it has ceased to serve any relevant purpose. We talk of honour, and breaches thereof, as though Chap's *Law still rules OK.* And Mr Michael Heseltine (a Chap of rather dubious provenance when real chaps get together over a G & T) devoted the fine fury of his Commons' Ponting assault not to the issues of the matter but to old Clive's deficient chappishness. Here's a fellow, supposedly in sacred trust, writing anonymous letters to an MP telling him what questions to ask for the same fellow to draw up mendacious answers to. What a bounder! Wouldn't last ten minutes in the Long Room at Lords.

Mr Heseltine has always wielded a nifty hatchet (or a flailing mace) and it was infinitely predictable that, some sixty minutes on, Mr Ponting's rather over-burnished halo would be looking a touch rusty. But turn the chappish arguments back to front for a second. Here's a Secretary of State who has sat back ostentatiously for months, watching one of his senior aides put through the legal mincer. When the crunch came in court, however, the top Secretary isn't there (only his private Secretary). And none of the things that are said later to the House are broached under oath before a jury; nor, of course, is there anything approaching a rigorous cross-examination. Civil servants (before Parliament) are either terribly impressive people whose recommendation carries tremendous weight. Or, when they're Ponting, awful weasels who change their mind for no good reason. Well, who knows? But the Heseltine turn — roundly applauded by Government backbenchers who would never dream of planting a question themselves — is still not quite what a good chap would do. (Any more than one MoD chap would offer another a quiet resignation for a confession, and then signally fail to deliver).

Actually the Chappishness factor seems increasingly to stalk the whole Belgrano episode. Here we are at one minute with the task force on the high seas whilst Francis Pym toils away with diplomatic chaps for peace not war; all in the context of a Total Exclusion Zone publicly promulgated, *as though the MCC were altering the* LBW laws. The next minute the Belgrano, and hundreds of Argentine sailors, go to the bottom — and the ball was clearly missing the off stump by a mile. So (benignly) we embark on the endless saga of defending the umpire. The ball was definitely hitting the wicket. Well, it certainly could have nicked the stumps. Anyway, the light was appalling. And so on. Yet, as Mr Heseltine significantly told the Commons, all this was a load of toffee in any case — because, through the Swiss, we'd privately told the Argentines we'd sink threatening ships, zone or no zone. We'd told General Galtieri from the start that we wouldn't be chaps. So what on earth was the entire palaver about?

At the end of Monday night, Mr John Stanley (how different the debate might have seemed had he opened the batting?) was feverishly stowing his goodies back in a magic box marked Uttermost Security; and confusion supposedly diffused was confusion compounded. We don't know what the chaps on the foreign affairs committee will make of all this, but we have to recall that — in the world beyond Westminster — twelve vetted gentlemen and ladies made very little of it all: specifically, on the evidence, that people who said they were chaps would twist the buttons of their blazers if they found themselves in a totally futile, totally self-constructed jam.

Sir Keith can't just sit there

The education pay dispute lumbers into a new and more serious phase next week when the largest teachers' union, the NUT, calls a series of three-day strikes in 26 selected local authorities in England and Wales. This latest twist in the dispute already looked likely when the NUT launched a limited disruption campaign at the start of the month. It became even more certain after last week's Burnham committee talks yet again failed to devise any sort of peace formula. That puts a fresh question mark against the Burnham machinery. For next week's strikes will be followed by more of the same till the end of term. Some union leaders are talking tough about extending the action into the summer. That would mean that examinations the educational equivalent of the electricity supply industry, could be hit. Add to that the half-day strike call, also for next week, from the second *biggest union, the NAS/UWT.* Throw in the separate continuing selective strikes among Scottish teachers. It all adds up to a troubled spring for the schools, and for working parents.

The teachers, as ever, are far from united. Members of the third union, the AMMA, are opposed to strikes. They have an unknown reservoir of sympathisers in the two larger unions. Relations between the NAS/UWT, who mainly represent the elite secondary school regiments, and the NUT, who speak for the Poor Bloody Infantry, are even worse than usual, which is saying something. Even within the NUT leadership, the employers believe, there are disagreements between the general secretary, Mr Fred Jarvis, and his harder line deputy, Mr Doug McEvoy. There is also the little matter of legally kosher union ballots to overcome. All of which, with the fissiparous example of the miners' strike very much in mind, is emboldening the Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, to sit tight and wait for the action to burn itself out, as he told MPs yesterday.

Nevertheless, the ball is still in Sir Keith's court. The Government has much less to gain from drubbing Mr Jarvis than it has from whupping Mr Scargill. What Sir *Keith* wants above all at the moment is a deal from the teachers about new contracts and in-service assessment. He will find it difficult to extract such a deal at swordpoint from a vanquished NUT. But he might be able to buy it, by linking it to the wages boost that the NUT is after. Timing could be critical here. Even if he got such an agreement, and that is still some way off, Sir Keith would have to sell it to the Cabinet. And how would *you* fancy trying to persuade Mrs Thatcher that one of the largest public sector workforces should get a norm busting pay increase just when Our People are smarting from having to give up their own wages to look after the kids? Sir Keith wants his deal, but he wants it sooner rather than later.

As far as the NUT is concerned, though, that deal isn't on offer. You can see why. Most of its members, stuck on scales 1 and 2, would not stand to benefit much from a package of higher rewards aimed at secondary school specialists. What the NUT wants is *money*; period. (No-one should underestimate the strength of the fervour here, for the ordinary teacher — the vital spear carrier of the classroom — has seen wages slip, comparatively and starkly, through Mrs Thatcher's years in power). The problem here, however, is the gulf between the NUT's £1,200 across the board claim, worth about 12.4 per cent, and the employers' "final" offer of 4 per cent. Not even Mr Norman Willis could call that a narrow gap. But the prospects of the NUT winning its case by the current strikes are, frankly, nil. Which brings us back to the need for a formula which will link pay with conditions and assessment. The elements of such a formula have sometimes seemed tantalisingly close. The Burnham machinery, which separates the issues between different committees, and the NUT's hard line have so far prevented it. Burnham cannot be reformed in a day. But the NUT is going to have to budge. And that still puts the onus on Sir Keith to act soon, by coming out from behind the local authority employers with a package which includes real salary improvements at both ends of the scale.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How council tenants would fall foul of the Fowler law of diminishing housing returns

Sir, — Hyndburn's housing committee had to decide last week what rent increase to set for council tenants this coming financial year. The controlling Tory group said that after the recent housing cuts, the only way left to *raise money for essential* repairs and improvements to the council's housing stock was to raise rents by the highest option before us.

As 80 per cent of our tenants were on some form of housing benefit, they argued, *such a rise would not* be borne by most tenants but by central government's housing benefit scheme. Those on low incomes would be protected, and thus the council should use the housing benefit system to claw *back money from the* Government.

At the time I thought it would not be long before this government introduced "rent-capping" to stop this apparent loophole. Your report (February 14) of Mr *Fowler's intention to curb* "to high" rent rises confirms by worst fears.

It is madness for the DHSS to be used to pay for a council's housing investment programme. In that sense, Mr Fowler's review is overdue. But at the same time his department's niggardly attitude to fuel allonances for those on supplementary benefit must not escape blame.

These allowances are so reduced that tenant after tenant whether old, with a young family, or just unemployed, cannot afford to heat their houses. Hypothermia and discomfort are one obvious result; another set of problems arises from condensation and dampness.

And who picks up the bill for this? The council's repairs department can spend thousands of pounds on treatment, but if tenants cannot keep their houses warm enough, their conditions deteriorate again *within weeks.*

Isn't it in all our interests, in all parties, to give tenants enough heat and fuel to at least maintain themselves and their homes? Rent-capping may be an easy way for Mr Fowler to save money now, but unless this Government wakes up to some of the indirect effects of its policies, the cost to future councils and governments may be too high to bear. — Yours faithfully,

(Cllr) John Strak,
Broad Oak,
Accrington.

Sir, — If your report (February 14) is accurate in saying that "Mr Fowler is also planning to stop 250,000 people receiving supplementary benefit to cover mortgage repayments," they would be asked to renegotiate their loans — and my life would become much more complex.

In about half of the divorce cases I deal with as a solicitor, the husband walks out leaving his wife and children in the home. His income is inadequate to maintain two homes.

His wife has two alternatives. She either ask the Supplementary Benefits Commission to pay her mortgage interest (the course usually followed) or she seeks to be rehoused by the local authority. When the authority informs her that she is not homeless, she accepts the former alternative, getting *additional assistance to meet* the rates. I see that it is also proposed to reduce that latter benefit.

If the building society ceases to receive interest under the mortgage, it will ask me to take possession proceedings. When a possession order is granted, the woman will approach the local authority to be rehoused.

She will be told that there is no accommodation because the authority has sold its council houses and is being prevented from using funds to build replacement homes to rent. Quite where the woman and her children will end up living is open to conjecture.

My constant attacks of schizophrenia are going to increase. Trying to do your best for the family is difficult enough — even when acting for a wife, any sensible lawyer cannot ignore the plight of the husband — but until now these interests could be reconciled with those of the building societies for which we act. This reconciliation would seem no longer to be possible. — Yours faithfully,

J. D. Russell.
1 and 2 Chapel Row,
Bath, Avon.

Sir, — Norman Fowler's proposal to abolish the state earnings related pensions scheme (Serps) will fundamentally restrict access to occupational pensions, rather than increase choice as he claims.

Before the introduction of Serps, occupational pensions were largely a middle-class preserve. There is no reason to believe that if Serps is abolished manual workers will be in a position to take up private occupational pensions.

The result will be low pensions — not least because the Government has already broken the link with earnings on the basic state retirement pension — and the continuation of widespread reliance on means-tested benefits.

Choice is a real issue. In the present system it is allowed for by allowing "contracting out" of the state scheme. The issue is not how much people spend on their pension, but how much pension they have to spend.

The argument that the cost of Serps is too great is equally fallacious. While it is true that the ratio of people retired to those working will rise, this will be largely offset by a fall in the number of children.

Equally there would be a great deal more scope for *paying out on pensions* if economic growth were higher and unemployment substantially lower in the next 20 years. That a social services minister should devise pensions policy on the assumption that the current recession will last into the 21st century says little for his or her's confidence in the Government's economic strategy. — Yours faithfully,

Valerie Lipman.
Pensioners Link,
London N1.

An exercise in containing 'the enemy within'

Sir, — A major Nato exercise is taking place in the next few weeks, and neither the Government nor the media have deigned to tell us very much about it. I refer to Wintex-Cimex 85.

From the little that parliamentarians, assisted by CND, have been able to glean from Michael Heseltine and John (I cannot tell a lie) Stanley, it is possible to say that Wintex 85 (which takes place between February 26 and March 16) tests out procedures for use in time of "international tension and war"; that such procedures include a nuclear consultation phase and the activation of the Home Defence system, and that, as Mr Stanley puts it, "the full spectrum of Nato's procedures and plans for crisis management will be tested." (Hansard November 30 1984.)

What is this "crisis management"? It's no mystery. Home Office circular ES3/1973, still in force, establishes the first aim of Home Defence as to "secure the UK against any internal threat" by the suppression of civil unrest, strikes, and other disruption to military plans for the transition to war. Quite simply, Wintex 85 has more to do with fighting the "*enemy within*" than any external threat.

The experience of the miners' strike has shown that Wintex 85 is not a hypothetical exercise. The integration of police forces, the organising of supply convoys, the *blocking of roads, the tap*ping of telephones, and the harassing of activists show that Wintex 85 is not so much about what the state would do in the event of war, but the sinister game the state is already playing, *co-ordinating repression now* in the coalfields. It will be the culmination of a year of attacks on civil liberties.

Wintex therefore has nothing to do with defence of the realm. It is about bringing the Falklands war home, *something confirmed by the* bizarre and disturbing involvement of the Prime Minister *in the exercise. For, ac*cording to my information, based on reliable sources in Whitehall, the Prime Minister, alone among the leaders of the Nato countries, personally supervised the last Wintex exercise in 1983, *within months of her infa*mous Cheltenham speech.

She has not challenged claims that she will do the same this year. After all, the exercise offers her the chance to realise her two linked fantasies: the mili*tarisation of Britain and the* abolition of dissent.

This is why Wintex 85 will be opposed by peace workers and democrats everywhere. And in that opposition nuclear free Wales and dissenting, Socialist Wales will play *a major part, with a spirit* which is more than a match for the "Spirit of the South Atlantic." — Yours,

Dafydd Elis Thomas, MP.
(Pl Cymru, Meirionnydd Nant Conwy),
House of Commons.

Sir,—There appears to be a deplorable but little known *consensus between the Royal* Air Force, their masters in Whitehall and Westminster, and the watchdogs of Fleet Street, whose task it is to hold the former groups to public account.

I refer to the fact that *Soviet nuclear bombers and* other military aircraft are being allowed to "criss-cross our airspace" "week after week" according to the RAF advertisement (Guardian, February 13), without meeting any serious military ob*stacles; without any protests* or stronger actions towards the Soviet Union from the so-called Iron Lady and her ferrous colleagues on the Treasury bench, and without the faintest whisper of an uproar about it all from the *press. It is also remarkable* that these intrusions never seem to warrant the calling out of volunteer civil defence groups, or of the Royal Observer Corps and the UK Warning and Monitoring Organisation.

Is there some tacit agreement between the British and Soviet air forces, by *which the latter's nuclear* probing is regarded as a sort of endless joint exercise, possibly with a 40th anniversary flavour of its own this year?

Or is it nearer the truth to suggest that it is Britain's double nuclear "defence," by *her own missiles and* by those of the United States, which renders her actually incapable of resisting such violations of territorial integrity, because such basic principles can no longer be upheld, once we risk paying *the ultimate price for them?*

What a contrast with third-rate, neutral, nuclear-blackmail-risking Sweden. There, Soviet submarines may intrude, but Sweden's policy of vigorous dissuasion swings into action with both depth-charges and diplomatic notes, backed with strong expressions of a well-alerted public opinion. Fat chance of that around this crumbling linch-pin of the Western alliance.—Yours faithfully,

Rip Bulkeley.
38, Lonsdale Road,
Oxford.

The disease that may clean up our prisons

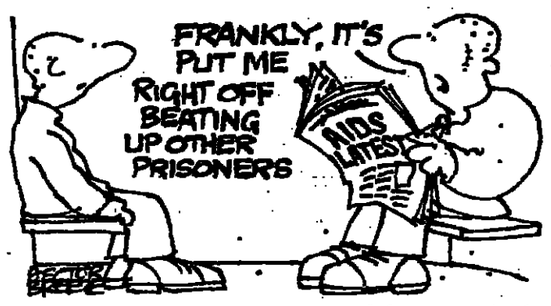
Sir,—It would be ironic if the appearance of the dreadful disease, Aids, was instrumental in compelling prison reform.

During the three years I spent in prison, I had two spells in Winson Green, four in Armley, and four in Wormwood Scrubs, among several others. On my way to trials, etc, I passed through prison receptions more than 100 times, so I can claim to know the "drill."

In reception, you collect laundered sheets and *unwashed* blankets, the latter being handed on from man to man day after day. Before being escorted to your cell, you are afforded a cursory medical examination which makes a mockery of the Hippocratic oath.

Before you put your bedding on the mattress of your cell, you look to see whether the slashed sponge rubber mattress has recently been used as a sex object by a former occupant. Often it has.

For 12 night hours you share one filthy toilet bucket, diarrhoea and all. In the morning you rush to a chronically overcrowded sluice, jostling with at least 30 other men, to pour the communal filth into the sink. In this same sluice, you clean your teeth and then, gasping in the stench, you queue for one of the two toilets. If the prison is more



than usually overcrowded, you will not get a bath even once a week.

On one occasion, I was confined to a cell with two homosexuals who proceeded to make passionate love for hours. On another occasion I was in a cell adjoining the sluice, which became blocked; the dreadful sludge began to run into our cell. Despite our protests, we were locked in for three hours before being allowed to clean our cell.

Thus are diseases spread. And it should be clearly understood that these appalling health risks are run by the incarcerated and staff alike. Prison officers, in their searches for illicit possessions, have to "turn the *cells over" fairly frequently,* thus handling heaven knows what.

If the prison rules were meticulously observed, the overcrowded system would simply break down.—Yours sincerely,

T. Dan Smith,
92 Mill House,
Spital Tongues,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

Sir,—Surely the lives of members of the public are being placed at risk. Anyone who has the misfortune to be trapped in a fire should demand to be rescued by a firewoman.

(Dr) P. L. Owens.
Curbar, Derbyshire.

Sir, — The Fire Brigade's Union decision not to give the kiss of life to men brings enormous relief to those of us who have been *living in daily fear of being* resuscitated by a gay fireman. — Yours faithfully,

Geoffrey Baker.
London, NW10.

Miscellany at large

Sir,—Roger Scruton (Letters, February 18) defends Bradford headteacher Ray Honeyford and chides the Guardian for an article which could "ruin a man's career through slanderous accusations."

I for one am delighted at Mr Scruton's recent conversion to philanthropy. Only last year his Salisbury Review published a scurrilous attack on me and my colleagues at White Lion Street Free School. It was assuredly intended to damage the school, and my career, and could have done so. But, luckily, only crackpots read the Salisbury Review.—Yours sincerely,

Nigel Wright.
London N16

Sir,—No wonder my husband says standards are dropping all over the place! I noticed the necessity of doing a slight repair to the waistline hem of a pair of almost new cotton knickers last week, and was horrified to see that instead of good old-fashioned reliable elastic running through to hold things up, there was what can only be described as an elastic/rubber band.

Obviously I replaced this miserable effort with proper *elastic, but got to thinking* what would happen if the original rubber band had snapped. With elastic, one was warned of impending disaster by its stretchiness. Things are *definitely not* what they used to be.—Yours,

(Mrs) Alan Henderson-Atkinson.
Bromley Cross, Lancashire.

Sir,—Your report (February 15) that the staff of the literature department of the Arts Council is to be reduced from four to a part-time official and secretary seems to presage the virtual abolition of the department and the abnegation of the Arts Council's responsibility for literature.

The decision drastically to cut the department has not been debated by the Council or even by its literature panel. What mandate does the Council's management have to abandon support for the country's premier art form? — Yours sincerely,

P. D. James.
Society of Authors.
J. Goldsmith,
Writers' Guild of Great Britain.

Sir, — If it is considered necessary for England to compete in a so-called world series game of rounders in Australia, may I suggest that the body responsible for this game puts forward its own team and does not hijack our national cricket team. I was deeply embarrassed to see the English cricket team dressed up in silly outfits playing a ludicrous game against an even more silly-looking team wearing eye make-up.

Only when Sir Geoffrey Boycott or any other Yorkshireman, with the exception of F.S. Trueman, is restored to the helm at Lords will any common sense be restored to our *greatest national asset*, the game of cricket. — Yours faithfully,

G. Bryan Orchard.
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

In expiation for Dresden

Sir,—In his well-written article, "Coventry — synonym for destruction" Herr Reiner Oschmann kindly overlooks a particularly vital point.

*Coventry was "conven*triert," as Adolf Hitler called it, in the relatively early stages of the war, not just because it was a suitable Baedeker raid target city of outstanding cultural importance, but chiefly because it contained Britain's largest tank factory. Churchill himself, commenting on the outcry that the destruction of the cathedral aroused, noted that the Germans stopped their concentrated bombing as a result, and described them as "sentimental Huns" for doing so.

The destruction of Dresden was quite different. The object of the raid (which the Russians deny having requested) was to demonstrate the power of the RAF to destroy even a big city in one massive double attack. This was done to a city which contributed nothing to the German war effort — those who dispute this might care to explain why Dresden had no air-raid shelters and why the RAF encountered no opposition apart from some very light flak at the start of the raid.

It was done only a few months from the end of the war in Europe, which had already been all but lost by Germany. It was done to a city world famous for its architectural treasures, and for its wealth of lovely old houses. The city centre was *deliberately destroyed; the* manufacturing districts were virtually untouched, and the railway system was functioning again within three days of the raid.

Apart from vast quantities of high explosive bombs to break glass and disrupt the roof tiles, approximately one incendiary bomb per inhabitant of the city was dropped to make sure it caught fire properly. The second RAF raid took place a few hours later to ensure destruction of fire-fighting personnel. The firestorm was a success.

The commemorative concert in St Martin-in-the-Fields on February 14 showed on its leaflets a picture of the lovely old Frauenkirche "c.1870". The photo concerned may date from then, but the church was completed in 1732. If the Government saw fit to offer to finance its rebuilding (for instance, from funds saved by cancelling Trident), just think how they would increase their popularity and influence behind the Iron Curtain . . . —Yours sadly,

Ian Stirling.
32 Powis Gardens,
London NW11.

A COUNTRY DIARY

OXFORDSHIRE: After a week of deep snow, and with night temperatures falling to as low as minus 13 degrees C, fieldfarers are beginning to feel the pinch. Thus just over a month ago, in the first cold spell, but when hedges and fields were still exploitable, one which I caught was in prime condition, and was in fact the heaviest specimen which I *have ever examined* — it weighed 124 grams, well above the average of 117 grams. But today I have just caught one, which after feeding on rosehips and chopped up apples for the past three days, weighed only 92 grams, which must be very near the limit for survival. Blackbirds, very similar to their northern relatives in size and feeding requirements, seem much less susceptible to adverse conditions — one of my garden cock birds, which *weighed 100 grams precisely* a year ago, today weighed in at 98 grams. I suspect that the superior powers of endurance exhibited by blackbirds is due mainly to their more opportunistic feeding habits. The cock bird in question daily scratches and scuffles on the snow-free lee side of a stack of turf, and doubtless finds meatier food, in the form of leather-jackets, than the fieldfare get from apple scraps and the still plentiful *hips on the rose hedge. The* goldfinches also are in good fettle, thanks to a daily diet of the seemingly inexhaustible supply of teazel seed. The capture of several previously-ringed birds reveals that the same individuals *have been coming daily since* last autumn, and one which I have just examined still maintains its weight at 14 grams, precisely its weight when caught as a juvenile last October.

W. D. CAMPBELL

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A replacement heart is prepared for a patient. Picture by David G Hodge

Heart transplants enhance quality and quantity of life. But at a minimum cost of £12,500 each, they have their price. Andrew Veitch presents a disturbing balance sheet

The heart of the matter

THE confidential report on heart transplants at Papworth and Harefield — disclosed by the Guardian last month, but yet to be officially freed from the ministerial safe at the Department of Health — ends with a pointed and probably futile little plea.

There is little doubt, say the authors, that heart transplants are successful in terms of quality and quantity of life of the patients.

But at a minimum of £12,500 a go, and with 900 patients a year waiting for a new organ and new life, hard choices will have to be made. It's my terminology, not theirs, but given cash limits someone is going to have to decide which patient shall be robbed in order that Paul — or in this case Magdi and Terence.

"The comparisons," Dr Martin Buxton and his team point out, "are a matter of judgment. Certainly they should not be arbitrary, and it is to be hoped that they will not be a matter of mere political expediency."

It will be interesting to see whether that last sentence survives to the published version of the report. It is frankly difficult to see how ministers — for it is they who commissioned the report from Brunel University three years ago, and it is they who will make the final choice — will be able to decide on anything but political grounds.

How could one justify, on medical or humanitarian grounds, a choice between heart transplants and intensive care cots for newborn babies? What doctor would support the continuing sacrifice of an estimated 2,000 people each year who die of kidney failure, in order that people suffering heart failure might live?

Such choices are being made all the time by politicians. Witness the unedifying spectacle last month of the Junior Health Minister, Mr John Patten, handing out crumbs to the lucky few: £1.4 millions to liver transplants, £295,000 for spinal injuries, £100,000 for cancer . . . What Mr Patten failed to mention was that that money had been top-sliced from the total budget: each health authority will get a little less in order that a few favoured specialities will get more.

Certainly Roy Calne's liver unit at Addenbrooke's, Cambridge, needs money if it is to continue to save children's lives. Magdi Yacoub at Harefield and Terence English at Papworth have watched 68 of their patients die, according to the transplant report, because they did not have the money to treat them. Yacoub and English even had to turn away 36 and 29 donated hearts respectively because they did not have the resources to give them to patients.

Yet none of those three would argue, for example that their friend Robert Sells, who runs the kidney transplant unit at the Royal Liverpool, should have to watch more of his patients die so that their's might live.

Sells is also president of the British Transplantation Society. He says: "Hopefully some funding will be earmarked for the development of heart transplantation. But I would feel far happier if I knew that the Government was equally concerned to bring the treatment of renal failure up to standard. Nationally we only did 1,400 kidney transplants last year and 2,500 new patients need treatment."

Another senior transplant surgeon said: "Heart transplants are here to stay. In 10 years they will be done in every major centre that has a cardiac surgery and kidney transplant unit. But the Government will have to increase the total amount of money available to the NHS. At the moment the whole service is underfunded."

Christopher Dickinson, professor of medicine at St Bartholomew's, London, reflected the view of an increasing number of establishment academics, when he wrote in a leader in the British Medical Journal this month: "It is difficult not to conclude that our government is obsessively concerned with the present and almost recklessly unconcerned with the future. Nowhere is this more apparent than in its attitude to higher education and to scientific research, which are being treated as fringe luxuries unaffordable by a poor country."

He went on: "The Government may take credit for maintaining the NHS budget . . . but the increasing average age of our population and the increasing opportunities to alleviate suffering or prolong life — by hip replacement, renal dialysis, cancer chemotherapy, coronary bypass surgery, and many other expensive but worthwhile treatments that a developed country should be offering its people — have meant that Britain is falling rapidly in the world table of medical provision.

"Present needs for medical services simply cannot now be met by present resources. The gap between reasonable demand and actual supply is rapidly widening."

He compared the problems facing high-tech medicine with those facing leading-edge science. Scientists are deciding whether they should make one big cut by pulling out of Cern (the European Organisation for Nuclear Research) effectively bringing an end to high-energy physics research in Britain, in order to save lots of smaller projects from the seemingly relentless series of cuts.

A medical analogy would be for the NHS to close down heart services — one big cut affecting a minority of patients instead of lots of smaller cuts affecting the majority.

The immediate impact on health, like the immediate impact on science of winding up particle research, would be small. But the long term effects of both actions would be disastrous.

"We should be stamped as a country which had finally abandoned any pretensions to greatness, and which was prepared simply to go down in history as a perfectly preserved fossilised example of the effects of an extreme and unyielding doctrinaire monetarist policy."

In what amounted to little short of a call to arms, Dickinson ended: "British medical research has often led the world in the past. It is surely worth trying harder to defend it in the future."

Or as he might have put it: Have a heart, Guv.

NEXT WEEK: Measuring the quality of life.



BODY AND SOUL

Exiled at 60

MARIANNE JANOSI learned the realities of discrimination early in her life. While she was at school in Hungary many of her classmates, and their parents, were victims of the final discriminatory solution administered by Hitler's disciples. Then, for nine years of the Russian occupation, she was denied admission to university. Only after the death of Stalin was she allowed to become a medical student.

In 1956, like many other Hungarians, she fled her home country and chose to come to England because she had heard of the tolerance with which the British treated refugees. She was then a third-year medical student and was allowed to complete her medical studies at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London.

At Bart's, and later when she worked in the NHS, she says she suffered none of the discrimination that most women doctors in Britain have to endure because of their sex.

In 1978 she took a part-time job with BUPA, purveyors of private medicine, and, two years later, they asked her to join their permanent staff as an assistant to the clinical director of the BUPA Medical Centre.

After she had been there three years, she discovered, quite by chance, that she would have to retire in September, 1984, when she reached her 60th birthday. She also discovered that her male colleagues did not have to retire until the age of 65.

Marianne Janosi, who reckoned that by then she could recognise discrimination when she saw it, called it just that. The charge seemed to shock BUPA whose rule on retirement conforms with a longstanding discriminatory tradition in British business. Dr Janosi was disinclined to accept that traditions, not just because of her personal history, but because in the NHS, where she had spent most of her working life, the retirement age for hospital doctors, women and men, is 65. And, in general practice, men and women doctors can continue to practice until any age they choose.

Dr Janosi's MP, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, approached BUPA, who admitted it was "very unfortunate" that the early retirement age had not been pointed out to her when she signed her contract. They refused, however, to make an exception to their rule, though Sir Geoffrey was able to negotiate a special retirement deal that would make the financial disruption of his constituent's life less severe.

Marianne Janosi said she didn't want a special deal. She just didn't want to be compulsorily retired five years younger than her male colleagues. BUPA emphasised that their offer went beyond their legal obligation; Sir Geoffrey advised her to accept it. Marianne Janosi still refused. She thought the principle should not be yielded. "Maybe I'm just a foolish and stubborn woman," she said.

She took her case to the Equal Opportunities Commission where she got no help because retirement is excluded from equal pay and sex discrimination legislation. While British law is quite clear in its discrimination, European law is less clear but Dr Janosi has been advised that the European Court of Justice is unlikely to rule in her favour.

So, nearly thirty years after coming to a country that attracted her because of its reputation for "fair play," Marianne Janosi has finally foundered on a form of legally protected sexual discrimination.

All of which will come as no surprise to those who read the women's page of this newspaper. But it has come as a surprise to doctors. Our profession still discriminates against women doctors in all sorts of petty — and some not so petty — professional ways, but at least the NHS has accepted the same retirement age for men and women hospital doctors.

So far, the only comment that Marianne Janosi's case has evoked from the business community is surprise that she should be so upset and even greater surprise that she didn't capitulate when BUPA made her a "handsome offer" in lieu of natural justice. The medical reaction, though subdued, has been more angry because doctors know there is no biological reason why women should be compulsorily retired five years earlier than men.

The BMA has expressed concern. And that, it would seem, is that. The only consolation for women doctors is that the NHS would seem to be a less discriminatory employer than the merchants of private medicine.

Michael O'Donnell

An incorrect diagnosis

SECOND OPINION

NEVILLE Hodgkinson's article (Society Tomorrow, February 6) cannot go unchallenged, since it contains unsupported assertions, half truths and, I count, six plain errors of fact.

The sub-heading implies that more people are hurt than helped by the use of drugs in the conditions he refers to. All treatments with chemicals have a potential for harm, but it should be known that in the last 40 years medical treatments have radically modified the ravages of disease.

Many are no longer the threat they were. One is hypertension, which has passed from an uncurable and often lethal disease to a mild one. Angina, which was crippling, is now controllable. Diabetes, which required daily injections, can now be treated with simple tablets, and the outlook for patients with arthritis and cancer has immeasurably improved.

Drug treatment is not a panacea but provides tools for the relief of a great deal of suffering. It helps no one to publish articles which make no attempt at a balanced judgement. Today's challenge is not to scare people away from drug treatment but to ensure the more effective use of them.

James Conway,
Hon. Consultant Physician,
John Radcliffe Hospital,
Oxford.

NEVILLE Hodgkinson not only does a great injustice to conventional medical practitioners but does no justice either to those sensible and caring "alternative practitioners" who strive to provide relief to many sufferers from chronic disease.

Of course modern medicine is no panacea. Yes, we overprescribe. Yes, many drugs do have side-effects, some serious. But do at least give conventional doctors some credit for trying to help rather than harm our patients. Mr Hodgkinson's article does, in part, touch upon areas of concern and does make one or two valid points. But they are concealed in a mass of inaccurate and confused irrelevance.

(Dr) John R. Hughes,
Portsmouth, Hants.

DR COLIN BREWER (Society Tomorrow, February 6) makes several remarks about our analgesic Distalgesic which require clarification. The current proposals to exclude several analgesics, including Distalgesic, from the NHS reimbursement list are based purely on economic grounds, and are quite separate from considerations of the safety and efficacy of individual drugs.

The Committee on Safety of Medicines closely monitors the self-poisoning issue with Distalgesic, as with many other drugs, and there has been no recommendation from them that the overall pattern of suicide would be improved by withdrawal of the product licence.

Suicides involving compounds such as Distalgesic were indeed more common in 1983 than in 1974. However, Dr Brewer does not point out that the figures showed a peak in 1981 following which there appears to be an encouraging overall decline to date.

By drawing a parallel between the toxicity of the barbiturates in overdosage and that of Distalgesic, Dr Brewer is at odds with the opinion of the Home Office. This is confirmed by the recent addition of many barbiturates to schedule 3 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations.

Of the 4.5 million prescriptions written for Distalgesic annually, more than two thirds are for patients with chronic pain states (usually arthritis). Removing this drug from general availability would certainly disadvantage this group of people. With almost equal certainty, such a move would have no discernible impact on the much smaller number of people committing suicide each year, which has remained remarkably constant for the past 10 years, in spite of changes in the methods employed.

Dr Brewer's recommendation that the proposed economic sanctions on prescribing be used to overrule the activities of the CSM; is not likely to find acceptance with the majority of the medical profession.

(Dr) J. Wilson Totten,
Lilly Industries Ltd.,
Basingstoke, Hants.

Love thy animals

MARY MIDGLEY (Body and Soul, January 30) has usefully explored the basis of the concept of "animal rights" in contract, concluding that this is somewhat insecure and "wrapped in mystery" and that what is needed is to stop perpetrating needless cruelties because we should not like such things to be done to us.

This is a generous and humane proposition, based on "our" obligation rather than on the assertion of "their" rights, which seems to presuppose some kinship or parallel of status between humanity and the rest of the natural world. But it is a pity that Mary Midgley has to make swipes at the Biblical tradition, because it is here that her strongest support is to be found.

Because it is also emotionally compelling, the devil and politicians and other exploiters of man and beast look regularly for comfort in an isolated and misinterpreted text. But the central tradition asserts the unity and goodness of creation, and the obligation of humanity to treat the whole of the natural world with respect, and the animal species with kindness and fellow-feeling.

Donald Upton.
Braughing, Herts.

HAVING spent seven paragraphs demolishing the concept of social contract, Mary Midgley reinstates it completely in her last sentence. "You wouldn't like it if they did it to you" implies reciprocity if anything does. Moreover, in this case, that argument is not only simplistic but false. Large numbers of "the richest people in the world" opt for short-term comfort at a high risk of irreparable maiming or poisoning in the longer term — car-drivers and junk food eaters for example — and we have no evidence that guinea pigs might not do the same.

Further, as Mary Midgley herself implies, animal rights are a luxury. They require not only wealth but health and leisure too. People who have never needed medicines or surgery can afford to repudiate the experiments which produce them. People who are not struggling simply to keep their families fed, clothed and housed can afford to worry about their life-style. The animal rights movement is losing ground not because of a few vandals but because the number of people whose family and friends all remain fit and prosperous throughout their lives is very small. An ageing parent, a congenitally sick child or six months in a low-paid job will alter a person's priorities considerably.

Mary Hayward,
Fareham,
Hants.



Chewing over the problem. Picture by Don McPhee

Are consumers at risk from beef cattle fattened artificially? The EEC Commission is considering a ban on synthetic hormones. Rosemary Collins reports on a crisis at the butcher's

The farmer and the body builders

TRADITIONAL roast beef is almost invariably raised with the help of non-traditional growth hormones, similar to those used by human weight-lifters and body builders, but more powerful.

"If you killed and ate an implanted animal the day after treatment, the level of hormone you would consume would still be only two or three times the level left at the end of the 60-day withdrawal period," says Julian Best of Hoechst, manufacturer of Finaplix, one of the two best-selling synthetic hormone growth promoters in Britain.

"It is entirely safe in either case. The margin for error is something like 100 per cent. If the authorities considered that there was a hazard to the public from misuse, there would be stricter controls," Mr Best insists.

Synthetic hormone products are subject to Government regulations which say that they should be implanted at least 60 days before slaughter for human consumption. Naturally occurring hormone products, implanted in the same way, can be used right up to the day of slaughter, although economic commonsense dictates that this is unlikely to happen. Each dose costs the farmer around £8.50.

The extra hormone dose is usually implanted in the form of a pellet under the skin behind the ear of beef cattle. This site is chosen because scarcely anybody eats cows' ears, and it avoids any unnecessary risk of a hapless diner consuming a high dose of hormone residue left behind by a malfunctioning pellet in the middle of a prime cut of beef.

From behind the ear, the hormones circulate in the bloodstream, speeding the animal's growth and weight gain and, of course, maximising the farmer's profits.

The EEC Commission is currently considering a ban on products such as Finaplix and the other synthetic brand leader on the British market, Ralgro. The report of a scientific committee on the safety of the compounds on which these two products are based, zeranol and trenbolone, was due last November and is now expected to be published in the early months of this year.

The position of the British Government is that these substances are safe for use in beef cattle unless it is proved otherwise. The Government will read the report of the scientific committee with interest.

Manufacturers like Hoechst are worried that the EEC Commission will ultimately base its decision not on the scientific evidence, widely rumoured to be in favour of giving zeranol and trenbolone a clean bill of health, but on political motives. There is a growing body of opinion in favour of a ban, even in the absence of scientific condemnation of the use of the drugs, simply because there is a glut of surplus beef, their use does no positive good to the health of consumers and might one day be proved to do harm, and their justification is entirely economic.

It is calculated within the meat trade that the use of an efficient hormone implant — or two, because synthetic and natural implants are popularly used together — will account for one hundredweight of the final 10 hundredweight registered on the scales by a dead beef animal, giving the farmer roughly £40 more than he would otherwise have received without feeding his cattle expensive cereal compounds for many more weeks.

"That extra cwt is probably about the size of the average beef farmer's profit per cow at present," says Julian Best. "Take it away and you wipe out his business viability."

Take it away and the retail price of beef would have to rise by between 10 and 15 per cent, the trade calculates. Butchers doubt the willingness of customers to pay the extra, and foresee a further twist in the downward spiral of meat eating.

If growth promoting hormones were banned it would cost British farmers at least £40 millions a year, and that is a conservative estimate based on a guess that only half the two million beef animals slaughtered in the UK each year have been implanted, according to Hoechst. The true figure could be much higher.

Consumer organisations, particularly those in West Germany, have however called for a ban on all added hormones, even those occurring naturally and marketed in Britain under brand names like Systamex and Compudose. Some branches of Britain's farming organisation, the NFU, have improbably joined recently in the chorus of opposition to their use, recognising that a return to "real meat" might be the best marketing ploy to boost flagging sales.

"If we eventually see a ban implemented in the face of the evidence we may as well pack in scientific evaluation of drugs and let the politicians take the decision which carries most votes," says Julian Best.

"If these products are banned," says Mike Dewar of Crown Chemicals, which markets Ralgro, "a black market will develop and there is already clear evidence in Europe that drug abuse and black markets go hand in hand."

Ralgro, one of the artificial hormone implants whose future is now most at risk, is astonishingly still freely available over the counter to British farmers. All the others, even those derived from naturally occurring hormones, can be obtained only on prescription. The Ministry of Agriculture has announced that Ralgro will have to fall into line and become a prescription-only product from April this year. "It was an obvious anomaly," a spokesman explains, "but the decision does not mean that we think Ralgro is any less safe than it was."

The Ministry does no independent testing of veterinary drugs like these, but licenses them under the terms of the Medicines Act 1968 according to evidence presented by manufacturers to the Veterinary Products Committee.

The independent experts on the VPC examine the manufacturers' paperwork and are responsible for both efficacy and safety. "These people are highly capable of spotting any discrepancies in the evidence submitted to them," a spokesman says, "and there is no suggestion that manufacturers regard it as either easy or straightforward to get their products licensed under the present system."

Once the growth promoting product has been sold, through a vet except in the case of Ralgro, to the farmer, there remains virtually no check on how it is handled. The 60-day withdrawal period for synthetic hormones before slaughter, for instance, is not monitored except through the random checks on animal carcases carried out for the Ministry. These checks are designed to find any high levels of contaminating substances.

Each year 300 cattle, 300 pigs, and 300 sheep are randomly selected at slaughter and tested under the National Surveillance Scheme. "If there is a residue problem in more than 1 per cent of the animal population, there is only a 5 per cent probability that it will not be detected," the Ministry says.

Since the beginning of 1984, residues of stilbenes, a growth promoter banned throughout the EEC in 1981 after heavy concentrations were found in cans of Italian baby food made from veal, have been found in two out of 1,173 carcases examined. There should not, of course, be any stilbenes in use at all, but the Ministry notes that the number of these residues found has at least declined sharply since 1981.

The case against stilbenes was proved to the satisfaction of the EEC Commission, although still not to that of many manufacturing companies, when they were found to have carcinogenic side-effects in some laboratory animals when administered in huge doses.

The checks currently carried out on carcases would reveal large quantities of zeranol residues, but the Ministry says that none has recently been found. No testing is carried out at present for residues of trenbolone, one of the two most popular synthetic growth hormones. The Ministry says that this is because the testing techniques are "being refined" and will be reintroduced at a later date.

No such evidence against the remaining growth promoting hormones has ever been published, although weight lifters and body builders who illicitly use the veterinary drug trenbolone to build up their muscles have been warned that, administered to excess, it could cause kidney failure and/or impotence.

Used properly in cattle, the drug companies say, it is harmless. There is a higher level of hormone occurring naturally in soya bean oil or wheat germ than in treated beef.

If cattle eat mildewed soya bean meal, they are ingesting a far higher level of added hormone than if a hormone pellet is shot behind their ears, Julian Best argues. Nevertheless it is far commoner to implant pellets than to feed mildewed soya bean meal to cattle.

"Because we already eat something, there is no good reason necessarily for eating more of it," says Dr Alan Long, research director of the Vegetarian Society. "These are dangerous drugs and their use exposes people to unnecessary risk. It is all the more a farce because Europe is already cluttered up with a third of a million tonnes of surplus beef, bought into storage by the EEC because there is no demand for it at present prices. I think that all these products should be regarded as guilty until proved innocent."

Opinion within the butchers' trade is turning towards support for a ban, at least on synthetic hormone products, because of concern over falling sales.

"Added hormones, polyphosphates, fillers, and colour, not to mention side issues such as residues from dips and other medications, is doing for the meat trade what salmonella did for duck eggs," a correspondent in Farmers' Weekly, a trade paper, commented sadly the other week. "The image of meat as good, honest food has been thoroughly tarnished."

There is already to be seen an occasional sign in butcher's shop windows in more affluent suburbs, proclaiming, "Farm shop beef — guaranteed free of growth promoters," and the meat, of course, sells at a premium price, like free range eggs and chickens.

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Salary: £13,065–£14,781 inclusive.

For an application form, to be returned by 8th March 1985, write to: GLC Director-General's Department, Ref: 5347. Room 203, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 2390.

LONDON AGAINST RACISM

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

These posts are suitable for job sharing

DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
SALARY £16,671 – £17,976
(Award Pending)

Having decided to allocate general administration to the Chief Executive on the retiral of the Director responsible the council wishes to appoint a Depute Chief Executive. Applicants should hold one or more professional qualifications including preferably those of Solicitor in Scotland. Wide local government administrative experience including management responsibility is essential. The Depute will have to be capable of standing in generally for the Chief Executive and acting as his delegate for specific functions and responsibilities. The appointment will be on JNC conditions of service and will attract payment or compensatory leave of absence in respect of evening meetings.

An application form can be obtained from the **Personnel Section, County Buildings, Forfar DD8 3LG, Telephone Forfar 65101 Extension 206.**

Further details will be given by the Chief Executive at the above address to whom completed application forms should be returned in envelopes clearly marked "Confidential Appointment of Depute Chief Executive" no later than 11th March, 1985.

Angus
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Welsh Consumer Council
requires a

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

for a new, full-time post being established on 1st April. He / she will be responsible for representing WCC's policies through the Welsh language written and broadcast media and to assist in promoting its policies to the rest of the consumer movement in Wales. Ability to communicate in Welsh is essential.

Salary: £6,017–£8,492.

Application forms and further details from the Director, WCC, Castle Buildings, Womanby Street, Cardiff CF1 2BN.

Closing date for applications: 1st March 1985.

BVAC

ORGANISER

The Bridlington Voluntary Action Centre (BVAC), a new independent joint financed agency requires an Organiser to develop its work, particularly a range of community care initiatives and projects. This new post presents an exciting challenge in East Yorkshire's finest seaside resort. Applicants should preferably have interest and experience in community work and proven administrative ability.

Salary £8,529 pa.

Details and forms from Chris Cobley, Community Council of Humberside, 14 Market Place, Howden, Goole DN14 7BJ. Tel 0430 30904 (24-hour Ansaphone). Closing date: Friday, 22nd March, 1985.

JACKSONS LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE
requires a

BUILDING CO-ORDINATOR

to manage the day-to-day running of the building and to facilitate a wide range of art / educational / recreational activities for people of all ages.

Supervisory experience and ability to deal with people essential; financial skills desirable.

Salary £8,000 (under review).

For details send large sae to Box E, Jacksons Lane Community Centre, Archway Road, London N6.

Closing date: 8th March, 1985.

MANAGERS
SUMMER SCHOOLS

PGL, leaders in Adventure holidays for children, require managers from July 16 to August 24 for centres throughout the U.K. varying from 60 to 500 guests. The jobs involve man-management of from 20 to 60+ staff, the organisation and administration of all aspects of the centre inc catering, accommodation, activity programme and off-site facilities.
Useful experience would include working with youngsters, knowledge of sporting activities and man-management. Ideal age 25 to 35.
Full board and accommodation. Salary dependent on complexity of centre and experience.
Application form from Gill Hiatos.
PGL Young Adventure Ltd.,
367 Station Street,
ROSS-ON-WYE, HR9 7AH
Telephone: (0989) 64211

NEW DIRECTOR for

PARENTS FOR CHILDREN

Salary scale PO2 £13,599 - £14,586 incl.

This experimental adoption agency is still exploring new ways of finding families for older and handicapped children, and of offering a long-term follow-up service. We make individual contracts on a fee-paying basis with London and South-East Social Service Departments to place each child for adoption. Fees are supplemented by grants from DHSS and other funding bodies.

The new director will share the work of a small but highly experienced group, while also taking overall responsibility for the agency. S/he will need to be trained in social work, versed in adoption, experienced in administration, and able to speak in public and write fluently. S/he will be actively supported by the Adoption Panel and management committee in consolidating the agency's 9 years' experience and in leading it in new directions.

For further information or informal discussion contact **Phillida Sawbridge, the present Director.**

Closing date for applications, March 19th
Formal interviews April 1st or 2nd

Parents for Children, 222 Camden High Street, London NW1 8QR. Tel. No. 01-485-7526/48.

West Midlands County Council

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNIT

Help Fight Poverty in the West Midlands

The West Midlands now has one in three people living in poverty and the highest number of supplementary benefits claimants in any region. The Council is pursuing a series of radical initiatives to tackle these problems. A review of the Welfare Rights Team has resulted in the following new posts.

DEPUTY SENIOR WELFARE RIGHTS OFFICER
£8,532-£10,107 — Post Ref. ED 84

To assist with the supervision of a team of Welfare Rights Officers in their work and to promote the take-up of welfare benefits throughout the County. Applicants should possess a high degree of knowledge of Social Security legislation, considerable experience of Take-up Campaigns and proven organisational ability. Experience of representing clients at appeals tribunals is also required.

WELFARE RIGHTS OFFICERS
(Two posts)
£7,524-£9,114 — Post Ref. ED 93/94

Applicants should possess a thorough knowledge of welfare rights work; some experience of appeals tribunals an advantage.
Post Ref. ED 93 is specifically to assist the Afro-Caribbean community and knowledge in this area is essential. The staff appointed will join the Council's Welfare Rights Team, engaging in welfare rights Take-up Campaigns and other activities as part of the Council's anti-poverty strategy.
Applicants wishing to be considered should quote the relevant post reference number.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
£7,524-£8,262 — Post Ref. ED 100

To ensure the efficient and effective provision of administrative systems and support for the Welfare Rights Team. Duties will include monitoring, recording and filing requirements of the Team, maintenance of expenditure records and budgetary control.
Applicants should ideally possess an appropriate administrative qualification e.g. BEC National (Higher). Local Government experience and some knowledge of Welfare Benefits an advantage.
For an application form, write or telephone, quoting post reference number, to:
County Personnel Officer, West Midlands County Council, County Hall, 1 Lancaster Circus, Queensway, Birmingham B4 7DJ. Telephone No. 021-300 7825. A 24-hour telephone answering service is in operation.
Closing date for receipt of applications: 8th March, 1985.
"The County Council has a positive Equal Opportunities Policy to ensure that all applicants are treated fairly"

City of Salford

CITY TECHNICAL SERVICES

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT/ASSISTANT
Scale 4 — S.O.2 £6,555 — £11,025
Post Ref. 7539/G

The above post has recently become available within the Planning Division's Environmental Design Section. The Section is currently involved in implementing the Council's Environmental Strategy which gives particular priority to the major river and road corridors within the City.

The post-holder will be required to identify, promote and co-ordinate improvements within these 'corridors' as well as generally assist in the other environmental planning work of the Section. Applicants should therefore possess experience and/or qualifications in the fields of both landscape architecture and town planning.

A Casual User Car Allowance is payable. Assistance will be given with relocation expenses in appropriate circumstances.

Further particulars are available with the application form.

This is a re-advertisement and previous applicants need not re-apply.

Application forms may be obtained from the Personnel Manager, Salford Civic Centre, Swinton, Manchester M27 2BN. Telephone: 061-793 3158. Please quote the appropriate post reference in all communications. Closing date for applications: 8 March, 1985.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

PROJECTS OFFICER
Salary Scale P.O. 1/2—£10,716-£12,234 per annum.

Required *urgently* to work on the Projects Implementation Section within the Directorate of Development and Planning.

The person appointed will be responsible for the allocation and monitoring of work within the section, and will be required to liaise with the professional consultants during the implementation of projects.

The successful candidate will also be required to prepare and, when necessary, present reports to the Airport Authority Sub-Committee and to liaise with outside bodies on local district and regional projects which may have implications for the Airport.

Applicants should have experience of implementing large and complex projects and hold an acknowledged Building or Construction Qualification.

Relocation expenses of up to £1,000 and lodging allowances will be payable where appropriate.

Further particulars and application forms available from:—
Head of Personnel Services,
Manchester International Airport Authority,
Manchester International Airport,
Manchester M22 5PA.
Telephone 061-489 3714

to whom they should be returned by 8th March, 1985.

THE STUDENT UNION OF THE NORTH EAST LONDON POLYTECHNIC

which has three separate site student union buildings, an annual income of £200,000 and 6,000 full-time students require a

PERMANENT SECRETARY

to oversee and manage the finance, trading concerns and personnel matters of the Union. The ideal applicant will be self-motivated, flexible, sociable and will have experience of/or a committment to Students Unions.
Salary: £11,250 plus London weighting allowance.
Application forms available from:
Staffing Committee,
NELP Students Union,
Maryland House
Manbey Park Road, Stratford, London E15.
Closing date: March 1st.

Northern Ireland Civil Service
An Equal Opportunity Employer

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS (TRAINEE)
£8,793-£11,219

Age Limits: *Applicants must be at least 21 and under 50 years of age on the closing date — ie born on or after 18th March, 1935, but before 19th March, 1964.*

Closing Date: *18th March, 1985.*
Reference: SB 9/85 ***Telephone: 580***

NORTHERN IRELAND PRISON SERVICE

Assistant Governors and Governors in the Prison Service deal with a wide variety of work involving responsibility for a group of inmates during the period of their sentence. They are concerned with the inmates as individuals, the group as a whole and the organisation of the community life of the house or wing where they live. The precise duties will vary according to the function of the establishment in which they are serving and its particular approach to the training and treatment of offenders. Assistant Governors and Governors also have responsibilities for the supervision and guidance of staff.

Applicants should preferably be graduates and have training and/or experience in personnel or institutional management and/or social work.

Training, both practical and theoretical, will be given to successful candidates.

Salary: £8,793 (age 25 and under), £10,557 (age 29 and over), £11,219. At present an allowance of £114.06 per month is also payable. In addition there is a non-contributory pension scheme apart from a 1½% deduction from salary to cover widows' benefit in the case of male officers.

Rent allowance is also provided.

Promotion to the next grade takes you up to £11,629. Further promotion within the Governor grades can lead to a salary well over £22,000.

The selection procedure will comprise of two written tests — critical thinking, and English. Only candidates who pass these tests may be invited to attend a preliminary Selection Board. Candidates recommended by this Board for a further consideration will be invited to a Final Selection Board.

The Northern Ireland Civil Service Commissioners may decide to test and interview only those candidates who appear from the information available to be best qualified.

Please write to the Civil Service Commission, Rosepark House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3NR, or telephone Dundonald 4567 for an application form (using the extension number indicated and quoting the Job Reference). Completed forms must be returned to arrive not later than the closing date stated.

Management Group Leader
PO4 — Salary £14,325-£15,015

You will be responsible to the Area Housing Co-ordinator for the management of approximately 3,200 Council-owned dwellings in the White Hart Lane area of the Borough and for the staff who undertake estate management; housing benefits; allocations and administrative / reception duties.

A significant proportion of the dwelling stock is being modernised / improved by the National Coal Board, Greater London Council, and by this Council, and you will work closely with the Principal Technical Officer to ensure that the work is progressed satisfactorily.

The area has its own Housing Sub-Committee comprising elected Members; Tenants Association Representatives and representatives from voluntary groups who work in the area, and you will report to this Sub-Committee.

You should preferably hold a relevant professional qualification and be able to demonstrate personal drive; initiative; leadership and ability to motivate subordinates. You should also hold a current driving licence.

For further information telephone Brian Towle, Area Housing Co-ordinator (North Tottenham & White Hart Lane) (01-881 3000 ext. 3061) or Graham Woolnough, Recruitment & Personnel Officer (ext. 3020).

Application forms and job description: Recruitment & Personnel Officer, 13/27 Station Road, Wood Green, London N22. Tel: 01-889 5815 (24-hour answering service).

Closing date: 15th March, 1985.

Haringey
Progress with humanity

Haringey is an equal opportunity employer. We welcome your application which will be considered on merit, irrespective of race, marital status, sex or any disability you may have.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

requires an

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

who will be responsible to the Secretary of the General Practice Division for servicing the council and committees of the Division, in particular those concerned with the valuation of commercial, industrial and residential property, and assisting in maintaining liaison with government, professional and other bodies.

Applicants should have a degree and/or professional qualification, preferably in Estate Management or in Law, and be aged between 28 and 35 years.

SALARY circa £9,000 p.a.

Applications with c v (and daytime telephone number) to The Personnel Officer, R I C S 12 Great George Street, Parliament Square, London SW1P 3AD. Telephone 01-222 7000 Ext. 212

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY and TOWNSEND FELLOWSHIP
(A Society of the Anglican Church)

WARDEN

The Society seeks a Warden for its modern shared housing scheme for young women in the centre of Bristol.

Experience in hostel work desirable and a Christian background essential as the person appointed must be in sympathy with the Aims and Objects of the Society.

This is a residential post. A self contained flat is provided.

Age range 25-50 years. Salary £5,000. Four weeks' holiday.

Particulars and application form from:

Miss Ann Lloyd, Personnel Officer,
Townsend House, 126 Queen's Gate, London SW7 5LQ.
Telephone: 01-589 9628.

BEAVER COLLEGE

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PROGRAMME

seeks practical, flexible, mature, graduate to work in student housing and student services.

Relevant work experience desirable.

Please send letter of application, C.V. and the names of two referees to: Miss D. Merritt, Resident Director, Beaver College, 26 Edgerton Gardens, London SW3 2DH.

Social Services

Assistant Director (2 Posts)
£16,743-£18,159 p.a.

Nottinghamshire is the sixth largest English County with a budget of £48m and over 6,000 employees. It has a highly stable management group, having had only one vacancy since 1974.
These third tier posts become vacant on the retirement of the present holders in June 1985. The successful applicants (male or female) will be accountable to the Director and will be members of the Department's management team.

Assistant Director (Personnel)
Ref: JM/274/110

This post provides professional advice and support to senior managers in the Social Services Department which has over 5,000 professional, technical, administrative, clerical and manual employees. The main tasks are to manage the headquarters Personnel Division which combines both staffing and training; to co-ordinate the personnel function in the Department by the development of effective policies and systems; to liaise with the County Personnel Officer in the Development of authority-wide personnel policies, procedures and practices and to advise management, at all levels, on a full range of personnel matters including industrial relations, recruitment, training and career development, manpower planning and health, safety and welfare. Applicants should be appropriately qualified and have experience of personnel work at senior level in a large organisation, preferably in a local government setting.
Informal discussion is available through the present postholder, Danny Read, on Nottingham (0602) 823823 Ext. 3981.
Interviews will be held on 2 and 3 of April.

Assistant Director (South Division)
Ref: JM/275/110

South Division is one of three geographic Divisions and covers a population of 400,000. It embraces four Areas and 33 Establishments. Candidates will be expected to have appropriate qualifications and significant management experience, relevant to managing a major geographic division within one of the country's largest Social Services Departments. Social Work qualification, whilst desirable, is not essential.
Informal discussion is available via the present postholder, George Smith on Nottingham (0602) 823823 Ext. 3909.
Interviews will be held over two days on 19 and 20 March.

For the above two posts relocation expenses where appropriate.

Requests for application form and job description for the above two posts should be made in writing to the Staffing Section, Social Services Department at County Hall.
Closing date for both posts 8 March. Please quote appropriate post title and reference when applying.

An Equal Opportunity Employer.

Nottinghamshire County Council
County Hall · West Bridgford
Nottingham NG2 7QP

African Family Advisory Service
(Formerly — Overseas Children's Project)

This Project — which is based in our Southern regional offices in Shepherds Bush, London — works to help meet the child care needs of African families studying in Britain and focuses mainly on the issues relating to private fostering.

TWO SOCIAL WORKERS (one full-time the other part-time — 17½ hours per week) are now required to join the Project team, taking on a caseload of families with diverse childcare needs. The persons appointed would give advice to parents, assess potential foster parents, monitor private fostering — replacements and be involved in other aspects of the Project's work, including the training of Social Services and allied personnel.

Relevant experience is important and the ability to speak an appropriate West African language would be an advantage.

Salary: NJC Scale 4/5 (£6555 — £7896 + £1248 London Weighting).

For informal discussion please phone Gloria Berry on 01-743 3311.

For further details and application form please apply in writing stating whether you are interested in full-time or part-time position and enclosing s.a.e. to Maureen Muddell, Personnel Officer, Save the Children Fund, 17 Grove Lane, Camberwell, London SE5 8RD.

Closing date: 5th March, 1985.

Save the Children

A Key Role in Mental Health
SOCIAL WORKER
£7,347 with possible progression to £10,389

Our Mental Health Group aims to act as the focal point in the development of a range of services within the community for the mentally ill.

This is an ideal opportunity for a CQSW qualified man or woman to develop and expand their Mental Health experience and Approved Social Worker training.

There is a close liaison with the local Mental Health Association and involvement with two half-way houses. Further development of a day centre and long-stay hostel is also in hand.

The scope and facilities are already in Slough. We now need the expertise to exploit them fully. There will be the opportunity to continue your ASW training. A driving licence is essential.

Contact Trevor Farmer on Slough 31201 ext 235 for more information.

Application forms are available from the Personnel Section, Highfield, Ledgers Road, Slough SL1 2QY, ext 207.

Closing date: 11th March, 1985.

An Equal Opportunity Employer.

Royal County of Berkshire

WEST LAMBETH HEALTH AUTHORITY
ST. THOMAS' HOSPITAL, LONDON SE1 7EH.

OFFICE MANAGER
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
GAA Grade: £6,967–£8,779 inclusive of London Weighting.

The successful applicant will work for the Social Work Co-ordinator, based at St. Thomas' Hospital and will be responsible for supervising 18 Social Work Secretaries; (not all based at St. Thomas') organising the Social Work Office and acting as Personal Assistant to the Social Work Co-ordinator.

We are looking for a mature person who has had experience in managing staff either within the NHS, local authority or in private industry. The applicant should be a good organiser who can work on his / her own initiative and also be able to deal diplomatically but firmly with people as they will be meeting patients, staff from other disciplines and representatives from the local borough.

Applicants should be able to type a little, although ability to write own letters when necessary is more important than fast secretarial speeds. Ideally the applicant should possess a professional management qualification.

If you are interested please send a full Curriculum Vitae to the Personnel Department at the above address with the names of two referees we may contact.

Closing date for receipt of CVs: 5 March 1985.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU AND CONSUMER ADVICE CENTRE IN COVENTRY
require an

ORGANISER
Full-time post. Salary: £10,404-£12,846 (SO2/PO1)

This is one of the busiest Bureaux in the country with a heavy involvement in multiple debt, consumer and general case work. There are 13 paid and 60 voluntary workers.

For further details phone: (0203) 28750 or write: S. Carrigan, Coventry, C.A.B., Fleet House, Corporation Street, Coventry CV1 1EG.

Closing date: 8th March.

The Bureau positively encourages applications regardless of race, colour, sex, sexual orientation or disability.

Citizens Advice Bureau

DIRECTOR
NEPAL

The SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND invites applications for the post of DIRECTOR, Nepal.

Save the Children Fund operates four mother and child health projects in Nepal. Each comprises an out-patient clinic, providing general paediatric, nutrition rehabilitation, antenatal, family planning and related education services, and a system of support to Nepal Government health services in the District in which the Clinic is located. The projects are staffed principally by Nepali workers, and are currently headed by one expatriate doctor at each clinic.

The Director is based in Kathmandu but is required to visit each Clinic on a regular basis, and is responsible for the overall management and development of policies and directions in SCF's work throughout Nepal. Candidates must therefore have a substantial background in management (financial, personnel, etc.) in a development project and an understanding of the major elements of a complex health system. Candidates who are already fluent in Nepali will be preferred, but intensive language training in-country is available for the appointee.

Please submit a detailed CV to the address below before 6 March 1985. A detailed job description will be sent to all applicants, but only those shortlisted will be followed up. This can be an accompanied post, and the appointee will be offered a salary of c. £8,000 (which is likely to be tax-free) per annum, in addition to a comprehensive package of support costs (excluding education allowances).

Overseas Personnel Officer
Save The Children Fund
17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8RD

Save the Children

New Forest

CENTRE MANAGER

Ringwood Recreation Centre

Scale SO2 (£10,404-£11,025)

Ringwood Recreation Centre, situated on the edge of the New Forest, was opened in 1982 and consists of sports hall, 25 metre and training pools, squash courts, sauna/solarium facilities and social amenities. It is a joint provision centre situated on the campus of Ringwood Comprehensive School and is managed by a Manager, three Assistants and three Supervisors.

We are looking for a highly motivated and experienced person to manage the facility who can bring to the post flair and imagination in developing the programme. A formal qualification in a related discipline would be an advantage, but primarily the candidate will be able to demonstrate a record of achievement.

As Manager, the postholder will be expected to take an active role in the corporate management of the Department and the successful candidate will undoubtedly be someone with considerable ambition.

An application form and job description available from Personnel Section, New Forest District Council, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst SO4 7PA, Telephone: Lyndhurst 3121, Ext. 175, quoting post No. L41.

Closing date for completed applications: 18th March, 1985.

LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Senior Neighbourhood Worker

£8,724-£9,306 (inclusive)

The Council owns eleven centres leased to Community Associations. This post involves working with the Associations, assisting them to develop their management skills, promoting new activities, improving public awareness of the centres and encouraging greater interaction with the neighbourhood.

We need someone with relevant experience who:
— is a good communicator (both oral and written);
— has sound management experience;
— possesses drive, tact and initiative.

We will provide a car allowance and generous help with relocation expenses and may be able to help with housing.

If you like working hard with friendly people, send for details to the Director of Leisure Services, Civic Centre, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP1 1HH.

Application forms must be returned by 8th March, 1985. You can obtain further information from Ruth Bull/Mike Clasby on Hemel Hempstead 60161 ext 2500/2496.

We are an equal opportunity employer.

DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

NCH

I.T. PROJECT, AVON CO-ORDINATOR

The National Children's Home, in partnership with Avon Social Services, has designed an I.T. facility which will serve as a direct alternative to care and custody. The project is grant-aided for two years through DHSS funding.

We seek a qualified person with experience in working with teenagers and knowledge of the Juvenile Justice system. The Co-ordinator will be responsible for two project workers and part-time clerical officer.

Salary SO1 £9,477 — £10,107.

Further details, job description and application form from: **Mr. D. Forrest, I.T. Manager; Dept. GN22, Holmwood, Channells Hill, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS9 3HY. Tel: Bristol 508886.**

The NCH is a Christian-based organisation.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME

RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL WORKER

(LIVING OUT)

required by the Lance Project to work as a member of a team which manages both staffed and unstaffed houses for homeless men and women aged 17+. We are looking for an experienced worker capable of assisting a wide range of people, some of whom will have multiple problems. Commonsense and the ability to assist residents in a caring and practical manner are essential. Staff work rotas requiring sleeping in duties.

Starting salary £8,810 pa. Six weeks holiday pa. Written requests for job description and application form to Kay Hindley, Lance, 581 Wilbraham Road, Manchester M21 1AF, to be returned by March 8, 1985.

Lance is a project of NACRO Community Enterprises Limited. As an Equal Opportunities Employer we welcome applications from anyone regardless of colour, ethnic origin or sex, and from disabled people and ex-offenders.

ALCOHOLISM COUNSELLORS

Counsellors needed at several locations by private clinic to provide individual, group and family therapy. Must be philosophically committed to abstinence as treatment goal and be able to participate as a team member of medically supervised private clinic.

Persons with counselling qualifications or relevant life experience are encouraged to apply by C.V. stating desired salary and any limitations on relocations.

**Apply EW 139.
The Guardian.
164 Deansgate. Manchester
M60 2RR**

GLC
Working for London

Brigade Personnel Officer
London Fire Brigade

This senior post participates in the formulation of Brigade policies, providing specialist input on all personnel matters relating to 7,260 uniformed and 920 non-uniformed staff and the posiholder is a full member of the Brigade's Corporate Management Board.

The co-ordination and implementation of the Council's equal opportunities policy within the Brigade is a major area of responsibility.

In addition to providing top-level advice on recruitment, selection and training, the Brigade Personnel Officer is responsible for Health & Safety and industrial relations and has line management responsibility for a Personnel Branch of 336 staff.

A substantial background in personnel management and industrial relations within a large unionised organisation is needed, together with proven leadership abilities and communication/interpersonal skills of the highest order.

Experience of implementing equal opportunities policies and a knowledge and understanding of the specific employment needs of ethnic minorities and women is vital.

Salary: £23,661-£25,533 inclusive.

This is a re-advertisement; previous applicants need not re-apply as their applications will be automatically reconsidered.

For an application form, to be returned by 8th March 1985, write to: GLC Senior Officer Appointments, PE SE1, IB3N, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 5136.

Recruitment Officer

To lead a team responsible for all aspects of staff recruitment including ensuring that job specifications are well prepared, advertisements are processed quickly and interviewing candidates, also that the Council's Equal Opportunities Policies are implemented at all times.

Good organisation, communication and supervisory skills are needed, with proven ability to prioritise and deal with a very pressurised workload. An understanding of staff development issues and a commitment to the Council's Equal Opportunities Policies is essential.

Salary: £9,255-£11,325 inclusive. Ref: 5387.

Pay & Conditions Officer

To assist in the day-to-day operation and supervision of a busy section dealing with payroll and personnel matters for salaried staff employed in the judicial services, taking special responsibility for pay and conditions functions.

Applicants should be numerate with experience of pay administration or personnel work and knowledge of a large scale computerised salary/wages scheme. The job requires good communication and supervisory skills and the ability to work under pressure to deadlines.

Salary: £6,927-£9,255 inclusive. Ref: 5388.

For an application form, to be returned by 8th March 1985, write to: GLC Director-General's Department, Room 203, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 1527. Please quote appropriate reference.

Senior Finance Officer

To maintain the ILEA's revenue accounts, monitor income and expenditure, complete returns of income and expenditure and prepare information for Committee. A significant element of the work will involve completion and analysis of statistical data to enable comparative studies to be undertaken. There is also involvement in compilation and provision of interdepartmental financial advice.

Applicants should be fully qualified accountants with some financial work experience, or part qualified (including AAT) with 2 years' financial experience. Alternatively, they should have 4 years' financial background in a large organisation. Good communication skills and proven ability to work to tight deadlines are essential.

Salary: £11,325-£13,065 inclusive.

For an application form, to be returned by 8th March 1985, write to: GLC Finance Department, Room 296, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 3669.

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These posts are suitable for job sharing

City of Worcester

CITY HOUSING OFFICER

£19,001—£20,901

Applications are invited for the above mentioned post from persons with the appropriate qualification and experience. The vacancy has arisen due to the existing post holder's appointment as Chief Officer with a Metropolitan Authority.

This Chief Officer post is a demanding one requiring the highest management ability, together with a positive and progressive commitment towards the continued development of a comprehensive housing service.

The Department is responsible for all housing functions, public and private, including a D.L.O., rent collection and housing benefits.

A lump-sum essential user car allowance is payable and relocation expenses up to £700 and temporary housing accommodation may be available in appropriate circumstances.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Personnel Section and the appointment may be discussed on the telephone with the existing City Housing Officer, Mr. R. Hilton, on 0905 23471.

Applications, in your own style, giving complete curriculum vitae, together with the names of two professional referees, should be submitted to the Chief Executive and Town Clerk, Guildhall, Worcester WR1 2EY, by Monday, 4th March, 1985.

Canvassing disqualifies and any relationship to a Senior Officer or Member must be disclosed.

The Council is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER 400 YEARS 1585 CELEBRATION 1985

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance Officer

£7,803 to £8,577 p.a. inc.

Required in the Audit Division of the Finance Department dealing mainly with computer audit and related matters. You will be expected to maintain, update and improve computer systems run on an IBM PC micro computer.

Although training will be provided you will be expected to work with the minimum of supervision.

Offices are close to Victoria Station and the Council operates an interest-free annual season ticket loan scheme. In addition to annual leave staff receive one day off every four weeks.

To obtain application form please send postcard, telephone or call at the Personnel Management Division (Ref: FIN 57), PO Box 240, Westminster City Council, City Hall, Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QP, Tel: 01-834 5958 (24-hour Ansafone service). Closing date: 6th March, 1985.

READING YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A young, dynamic Christian is required to lead a staffing team and deputise in the Chief Executive's absence. Management experience with the ability to motivate is essential. Good job satisfaction.

Salary £9,000 per annum. Six weeks' annual holiday.

Application forms available from The Chief Executive, Reading YMCA, Parkside Road, Reading RG3 2DD.

Closing date for all enquiries: 27th February, 1985.

Barnet Social Services
HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY

Deputy Officers-in-Charge

SALARY: GRADE 6 £9,771 to £10,764 per annum inc.

Managers with sound professional background are needed to join enthusiastic staff teams at the following residential homes:

BEACH LODGE — 36 places, situated in Finchley Central, N.3. A day-care programme also enables residents and frail elderly people from the local community to participate in an imaginative range of activities.
(REF. 292)

WOODHILL HOUSE — 29 places and 11 short-stay placements, situated at Essenden, Hatfield.
(REF. 311)

Both homes, Adapted from large attractive houses, provide a 'homely' atmosphere.

MORTON LODGE — 50 places, a forward thinking, purpose-built home at Southgate N14.
(REF. 365)

The persons appointed will contribute to effective day-to-day management and will need a sound knowledge and experience of good contemporary practice in working with the elderly. At **MORTON LODGE** it will be necessary to have an interest in developing a key worker system leading to individual programme planning.

Applicants should preferably hold a CSS, CQSW or other relevant qualification.

Informal inquiries to: ***ANN MARSHALL (ALL HOMES) 01-446 1488, Ext. 261 OR PAT BURCHILL (BEACH LODGE) Tel. 01-346 5522 NANCY NELSON (MORTON LODGE) Tel. 01-368 3857***

Separation allowance and 100% removal expenses in approved cases.

Application forms (quoting reference) from Director of Social Services, 1831 High Road, Whetstone, N20. Tel. 01-446 6857 (24 hours answering service).

CLOSING DATE: 11th March, 1985.

We welcome applications from registered disabled people

LONDON BOROUGH barnet

FINANCE MANAGER

A Finance Manager is required by the Pre-school Playgroups Association to work at its HQ in London. The successful applicant will be required to set up and implement new systems for this large, rapidly expanding voluntary organisation. A.C.C.A. or equivalent. Computer experience an advantage. This appointment is intially for one year. Salary: £14,500-£15,500 p.a. + £500 London weighting.

Application form and job specification form from Admin Officer (FM) P.P.A., Alford House, Aveline Street, London, SE11 5DH. Telephone 01-582 8871. Closing date for completed applications 4th March 1985.

PPA is an equal opportunities employer.

ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT COUNCILS

Under-Secretary
(Finance)
Up to £25,617 Inc.

The Association is seeking a successor to Peter Derrick who has been appointed Borough Treasurer at the London Borough of Hounslow.

The present state of central/local relations, particularly regarding local government finance, makes this a key post in the ADC's task of furthering the interest of 333 district councils in England and Wales.

Applicants, preferably members of CIPFA, should have a wide experience of local government finance at senior level.

The salary range, based on Civil Service grades is £20,013 rising to £24,817, plus £1,300 London Weighting, but local government conditions of service apply.

Further particulars are obtainable from Anthony Raynor, 9 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6LE. Telephone 01-828 7931, ext. 201.

Closing date: 11 March, 1985.

ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT COUNCILS

THAMESMEAD FAMILY SERVICE UNIT

UNIT ORGANISER

Salary £11,259–£13,326 + £657 L.W.

Thamesmead FSU is a training agency supported by CCETSW. It provides services to respond to the needs of a multi-racial community of 24,000 people living in a modern GLC housing development in South East London. The social work staff are all practice teachers who contribute to policy and practice development in FSU. Current concerns are increasing client involvement and developing an anti-racist programme. Activities include a social work surgery in a local health centre, an advice and counselling project for young people and the Bridge Project, a groupwork centre which supports self-help initiatives. The Unit Organiser will need to help consolidate recent growth in the unit's work, encourage a high standard of practice and facilitate teamwork and good communication. She/He will supervise staff and students, coordinate the training programme and have overall management responsibility. Applications are invited from qualified and experienced social workers.

Further information can be obtained from the present Unit Organiser George Hepburn on 01-310 6570. Job descriptions and application forms from the Director, Family Service Units, 207 Old Marylebone Road, London NW1 5QP. 24-hour telephone service 01-723 5207— please quote TMS. Closing date 8 March.

FSU IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

CAMDEN RECYCLING LIMITED
A REGISTERED CHARITY
requires a

MANAGER

Camden Recycling is a 50-place Community programme training project funded by the Manpower Services Commission and supported by Camden Council and located in London WC1. We renovate/repair unwanted furniture and electrical goods and are currently expanding our range of services to the community. The Manager is responsible for all aspects of managing the project and will be supported by a team of seven supervisory staff. Administrative and personnel management skills and a knowledge of financial procedures are essential. Experience of training issues affecting the voluntary sector and the ability to motivate staff and trainees are also important.

Salary £9,950 p.a.

Please apply with full cv to: Andrew Harrison, Camden Recycling Limited, Cockpit Yard, Northington Street, London WC1. Telephone: 01-242 0157.

Closing date: 5th March.

An equal opportunity employer

COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL

Director of Social Services

£23,500-£25,500

Can you maintain our progress?

The City Council is seeking to appoint a Director of Social Services to succeed Tom White who will be leaving the authority in June to take up a senior appointment with a national voluntary organisation.

The Director will take charge of a Department with an established record of progress and innovation across its services. Coventry Social Services currently has a workforce of almost 3000 people and a gross budget of £25 million in 1985/6.

He/she will be expected to:
– Ensure the progressive development of services
– Advise the City Council on Social Services policy
– Participate in the overall management of the authority

The person we are looking for will be a qualified social worker with significant senior management experience within a social services environment.

Interested applicants may telephone Tom White on Coventry (0203) 25555, extension 2032 for an informal discussion after 26th February.

Application forms and further details are available from the Head of Manpower Services, Room 57, Council House, Earl Street, Coventry CV1 5RR (telephone Coventry (0203) 25555, extension 2520) to whom they should be returned by 6th March, 1985.

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NEWHAM WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT PROJECT

TEMPORARY CO-ORDINATOR/TUTOR

Replacing tutor on maternity leave, March to December, 1985. Approx £11,000 pa including London Weighting plus travel expenses.

The project has been set up to assist women (including a high proportion of those from ethnic minority groups) to return to work, especially in non-traditional areas. We are seeking a person above all, with enthusiasm and commitment to the aims of the project.

Also an advantage would be teaching experience, good organisational ability and knowledge of the local area.

Interviews will be held on 15th March, 1985.

DEVELOPMENT WORKER(S)

One full-time or two part-time. Approx £10,000 pa (including London Weighting) under review. GLC-funded for one year initially.

To set up and co-ordinate a variety of recreational activities for women — especially those from ethnic minorities or with disabilities. First-hand experience of the needs of these women, enthusiasm and commitment, are more important than a formal qualification or job experience.

Interviews will be held on 19th March, 1985.

For both posts a part-time creche is available and 22 days' annual leave pro rata.

Closing date for applications: 6th March, 1985.

Write to: 389 Barking Road, London E13, for informal enquiries and application form.

Regional Officer

£6,546 - £9,786 p.a.

The Spastics Society is one of Britain's largest charities. It is a dynamic, progressive and campaigning organisation that helps cerebral palsied people in all walks of life. The Society is actively working towards the integration of disabled people into the community and is committed to developing a more positive attitude towards disability.

We are looking for a committed and energetic person aged between 25 and 45 years of age to develop appropriate services for disabled people in Lancashire.

The work will involve identifying the current needs of cerebral palsied people and their families and using this information to work with statutory and voluntary bodies, disabled people and their families in developing appropriate new services to meet these needs. Other tasks include campaigning, local group development and support, and public speaking.

You will have skills and/or experience which will enable you to succeed in this important and demanding job.

If you are looking for a job that is both challenging and rewarding, and are prepared to work irregular hours involving weekends and evenings, and you believe you meet our requirements, please contact **Mrs. L. Dubash, Assistant Personnel Officer on 01-636 5020, ext. 289, or write to her at The Spastics Society at 12 Park Crescent, London W1.**

Closing date is two weeks after the appearance of this advertisement.

THE SPASTICS SOCIETY

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

GENERAL SECRETARY

(£18,918 — £20,667)

After over seven years with BASW John Cypher is moving to a post with the Social Work Service. We are now looking for a new General Secretary to lead an expanding Association at an exciting time in its development. A revised staffing structure now being implemented and arising from a major review of functions will create both new opportunities and challenges for the post holder. The General Secretary has the key role in BASW's determination to demonstrate its crucial contribution to policy making and standards of professional practice.

If you are:
A professionally qualified social worker
An experienced manager
Committed to developing social policy and professional practice

Then please telephone Peter Riches, Chair of BASW, on 01-278 9441 (work) or 0279 730481 (home) or John Cypher on 021-622 3911 for informal discussion

The post is Birmingham based but with travel to London and other parts of the UK on Association business. A contributory superannuation scheme operates and local authority service conditions broadly apply. Further written details and an application form can be obtained from BASW, 16 Kent Street, Birmingham B5 6RD

Closing date is March 8th with interviews likely to take place in the week beginning March 25th.

BASW
British Association of Social Workers

COURSES

ANTI-RACIST CONSULTANT COURSE

The field of Anti-Racist process consultancy is growing rapidly. If you would like to become an Anti-Racist Consultant working with Linda King & Associates, Consultants in Public Relations, Management and Staff Development, please contact Gloria Giraud on 01-627 4707 for further details.

Unit Team Leaders

£7,722-£8,403 (Qual)
£7,077-£7,722 (Unqual)

Lansdowne Lane Residential and Community Mental Health Centre, Charlton, SE7

This newly-built centre is developing a programme of mental health rehabilitation varying in time scale and methods used: according to individual client needs.

Greenwich is aware of the mental health problems faced by people from ethnic minority groups and is anxious to appoint staff with an interest in and/or experience of work in this area.

Two multi-disciplinary teams will be based there; one to work with clients using the longer-term residential facility, the other to run a 24-hour crisis intervention service providing short-term support in mental health *and mental illness crises which can best be helped in a social work rather than a hospital setting. In* conjunction with these facilities, it is planned to offer a community mental health and support programme for people interested in problems of mental health and illness in the Greenwich area.

Non-Resident Team Members — Long-term residential rehabilitation unit

This 10-bed unit will aim to provide a planned and thoughtful setting in which the clients' needs, wishes and potential are central. It will work primarily with people who have been "institutionalised" in a variety of settings and who now wish to prepare and practise skills necessary for life in the community. The staff team (9.7 members) will work in a multi-disciplinary model in which the skills of all members will be equally valued and utilised.

Applicants should possess experience in rehabilitative work in a hospital, residential or community setting. An imaginative and enthusiastic approach and experience of and/or an interest in working with people from different ethnic backgrounds, based on relevant practical and theoretical knowledge is required.

Shift work on a rota basis together with some sleeping-in duties will be required.

Non-Resident Team Members — Crisis Intervention Unit

This unit will aim to provide a quick and effective assessment and intervention service in mental health and *mental illness crises. It will offer a flexible service using residential, day care and outreach work to create* individual plans for clients over a 4-6 week period. It will also offer support for other professionals in critical situations and provide a general mental health crisis information and advice service.

The unit will be operational 24 hours a day throughout the year, staffed by a multi-disciplinary team of up to 13 workers, trained or experienced in a range of skills, backed by the local GP service and consultant psychiatric support. The service will operate in an informal way.

Applicants should preferably possess recent experience of working in a mental health and/or mental illness crisis intervention setting, in an acute hospital, residential or community setting. They should possess a *thorough knowledge of the factors that precipitate such crises and of the assesment procedures and range of interventions appropriate to consider in a community practice setting.*

We are seeking people who have experience of the mental health issues affecting people from different races and cultures in the ethnic minority communities.

Shift work, including night duty for which an enhanced payment is made, is required for this post.

For an informal discussion of these posts contact Gill Brangwyn or Stuart Agnew on 01-853 2225.

Application form from Director of Social Services, London Borough of Greenwich, Peggy Middleton *House, 50 Woolwich New Road, London SE18 6HQ. Tel 01-854 8888 ext 3073.*

Closing date: 8th March, 1985.

THE COUNCIL POSITIVELY WELCOMES APPLICATIONS FROM WOMEN, ETHNIC MINORITIES AND DISABLED PEOPLE

GREENWICH
People and Services First

MIND

(NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH)
BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC COMMUNITIES AND MENTAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT TEAM (GLC area)

For an innovative new project to raise awareness of the needs of members of minority ethnic communities suffering from mental illness and distress and of their careers, and to promote the development of appropriate provision within statutory and voluntary sectors.

POSTS 1 AND 2 — DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

SALARY: Up to £10,163 (inclusive of London Weighting).

The post holders will be required to develop an information base, support and develop community mental health initiatives and raise awareness of the issues through a variety of means. You will be required to be able to communicate fluently with a variety of people in English both orally and in writing (a second language would be an advantage though not necessary) and have organisational and analytical skills.

POST 3 — ADMINISTRATOR/SECRETARY

SALARY: Up to £9,644 (inclusive of London Weighting)

To assist and support the Development Officers and to undertake secretarial and clerical responsibilities for the Team. You will require the ability to communicate clearly both orally and in writing. Some knowledge of word processing would be an advantage.

ALL POSTS

Adaptability, resourcefulness and a sense of humour will be essential!

Generous holidays. LVs. Essential car users allowances. Some evening and weekend work may be required.

The project is GLC funded and contracts for all posts will be on a fixed term basis to 31st March, 1986 in the first instance.

MIND has an interest in representing ALL mentally ill people and consequently seeks positively to encourage applicants equally regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, age or disability. Job sharers welcome.

Job description and application form from:

GENERAL SECRETARY (BEC), MIND (NAMH),
22 HARLEY STREET, LONDON W1N 2ED.

Closing date for receipt of completed applications: 1st March, 1985.

VOLUNTARY ACTION CAMDEN — PLAY & YOUTH WORK

SENIOR LEADER/ CO-ORDINATOR

Required for a Community Play Project in Kentish Town, London NW5. This is a forward-looking project working in and with a multi-cultural community.

Salary Scale 9/SO1 (£9,780—£11,355 inc.). 34 days holiday, superannuation scheme.

For full details contact Gillian Hall, Voluntary Action Camden, 25/31 Tavistock Place, WC1H 9SE. Tel. 01-388 2571. Closing date 8th March, 1985.

Voluntary Action Camden is an equal opportunities employer and positively welcomes applications from members of ethnic minority communities, women, and other disadvantaged sections of the community.

THE NATIONAL TRUST
Hadrian's Wall Estate

FINDS SUPERVISOR

Experienced Field Worker required for one year, from 1st April, 1985, to join established excavation team.

Salary £4,720 pa (under review).

For details apply to: Director of Excavations, 5 Shafloe Crescent, Hexham, Northumberland.

Closing date for applications: 8th March, 1985.

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
LITTLE HEATH LODGE REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTRE

Deputy Principal

Grade 8: £11,682 to £12,546 (inclusive)

READVERTISEMENT. Previous applicants need not apply.

Little Heath Lodge is a well-established Regional Resource Centre that enjoys the confidence of its user authorities. Boys are involved in the internal and external multi-activities, including camping, that are organised by an enthusiastic staff.

The home is situated in large grounds, in a Green Belt area, convenient to both Central London and the Essex countryside. Thirty boys, 14+, can be accommodated in the two self-dependent groups in the main unit and there is also a modern, purpose-built, secure unit for six boys.

The successful applicant will share the overall tasks of the management team of Principal, two Deputies, a Head Teacher, and two team leaders, and he/she will also have prime responsibility for the secure unit.

We invite applications from persons with a relevant *qualification, who have practised at a senior level in* residential child care and possess a successful management record.

The work undertaken at Little Heath Lodge includes: observation/assessment-remand, short/medium stay.

Telephone David Davies, Head of Division, or Alan Oliver, Assistant Director, 01-534 4545, ext. 5066 or 5054 respectively, or the Principal of Little Heath Lodge, Frank Prentice, on 01-590 3350.

Application forms available from the Director of Social Services, 99 The Grove, London E15 1HR, or telephone (01) 519 2095 (24-hour telephone answering service).
Closing date March 8, 1985.

LEISURE SERVICES
Passmore Edwards Museum

Sites and Monuments Records Officer

The Passmore Edwards Museum is co-operating with a GLC Historic Buildings Division project for a computerised data base of elements of the historic environment in Greater London, including historic buildings, archaeological sites and finds.

Applications are invited for this GLC-funded post on the Museum staff initially for a six-month period. The post will be concerned with checking and updating the Museum's SMR for the London Boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, and Waltham Forest, and preparing the information for computerisation.

The successful applicant is likely to have a degree in archaeological or proven archaeology background. Experience of SMR work would be an advantage.

Salary scale 4/5/6: £7,212 to £9,771 p.a. inclusive.

Further information and application forms from the Curator, Passmore Edwards Museum, Romford Road, Stratford, London E15 4LZ.

Closing date March 8, 1985.

An Equal Opportunity Employer — LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING SERVICE

Haringey is restructuring its Homeless Persons Unit to meet the rising demand from the homeless and to improve the quality of its service.

The following appointments will be made to assist in achieving these objectives. For all posts experience of working within a multi-ethnic community would be an advantage and applications are particularly welcome from members of ethnic minority groups.

Senior Homelessness Officers

(2 posts) Grade SO2 Salary: £11,061-£11,682

The posts will jointly supervise the team of caseworkers and take day-to-day responsibility for the work of the homeless unit. You would be taking operational decisions on the Council's statutory duties to the homeless and be expected to contribute to the development of policies and procedures.

Candidates must have knowledge of the legislation and substantial casework experience.

The persons appointed will be expected to adopt a flexible and positive approach in a very demanding but rewarding role. Supervisory experience will be an advantage.

Senior Administrative Officer

Grade SO1 Salary: £10,134-£10,764

This post will supervise the administrative and hostel staff and be responsible for maintaining and developing all administrative systems of the homeless unit. The role will include responsibility for the supply and management of all temporary accommodation provided for the homeless.

The person appointed must be a good organiser and administrator who can exercise initiative and good judgement in a demanding role. Experience of hostel management would be an advantage as would experience of working with the homeless.

Resettlement Officer

Grade Scale 5 (under review) Salary: £8,181-£8,919

The post will support the work of the homeless unit and assist in the rehousing of the homeless. The work will entail supporting and advising individual clients and reviewing and monitoring progress of approved cases. You will also be expected to contribute to the development of services for the homeless.

Applicants must have work experience which has involved dealing effectively with people in difficulty. Experience of casework and working with the homeless would be an advantage as would knowledge of the welfare benefits system.

Wardens

(2 posts) Grade Scale 3 (under review) Salary: £8,579-£7,077

The job involves taking day-to-day responsibility for the management of a hostel for homeless families, and assisting residents in liaison with the housing department and other welfare agencies.

One post is resident, and self-contained accommodation is available, free of charge. In return, the Resident Warden will be expected to respond to urgent calls out of hours. The other post is non-resident and would involve duty at more than one hostel.

Experience of working with families, in a welfare role, would be an advantage, as would experience of working in hostels. Applicants must be able to deal with people firmly and sympathetically and be practical and resourceful.

For more information on any of these posts please telephone Jim Elliott (01-881 3000, Ext 3411).

Application form and further details from: Recruitment & Personnel Officer, Comprehensive Housing Service, 13-27 Station Road, Wood Green, London N22 6UW. (Tel: 01-889 5815 — 24-hour answering service).

Closing date: 8th March, 1985.

Haringey
Progress with humanity

Haringey is an equal opportunity employer. We welcome your application which will be considered on merit, irrespective of race, marital status, sex or any disability you may have.

NEWHAM HOUSING SERVICES
homes for living in

SENIOR ASSISTANT
(Policy & Information)

Grade: SO1/2 Salary: £10,134-£11,682 per annum (inc.)

We are looking for a Senior Assistant to take on policy work relating to housing development in our Policy and Programme Group.

The postholder will contribute to the long-term planning of housing development.

The core tasks will be:-

- coordinating departmental input to District Plans and the development of the Docklands;
- establishment of a data base for Borough dwellings and household characteristics as a Departmental resource;
- completion of HIPI;
- day-to-day work on a variety of policy issues and projects.

There will be scope for the postholder to work on areas of particular interest to him or her.

Newham is a multi-racial Borough and the Council is *conscious that its policy and service delivery should* reflect the needs of local communities.

If you would like a more detailed description of the Group and the duties with an application form, please write to the Director of Housing, 91 The Grove, Stratford, London, E15 1EP or telephone 01-519 4337 (24-hour answerphone) quoting Ref. H388. *Closing date: 8 March 1985.*

An Equal Opportunity Employer — LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

WELSH HOSPITALS & HEALTH SERVICES ASSOCIATION — **WHA**

applications are invited for a

GENERAL SECRETARY

Applicants should be 30 to 45 years of age; be well educated with an administrative and or finance qualification (obtained by examination);

have wide administrative/financial experience; a sound knowledge/experience of Voluntary Hospitals Contributory Schemes or allied work; experience in the use of modern computer techniques;

ability to communicate with people at all levels and to initiate/maintain recruitment campaigns;

a very high degree of self motivation and the ability to motivate others and a valid current driving licence.

Salary — N.H.S. scale 23 — at present £12,371 TO £15,611 p.a. Conditions of service including payment of removal expenses as laid down for administrative and clerical staff in the N.H.S.

Three months' training will be given by the present General Secretary.

Application forms can be obtained from the **Chairman, 60 Newport Road, Cardiff CF2 1YG**

Closing date for receipt of completed applications forms is the 15th March, 1985.

THE EXPLORING PARENTHOOD TRUST

Exploring Parenthood is a dynamic innovative national organisation founded to provide a forum for parents to explore the problems, challenges and pleasures of parenting.

The Trust runs a series of weekend, evening and day workshops where parents can meet with each other and experts in child, adolescent and family development. It organises both a London Programme and national activities designed to meet local needs.

The Trustees seek to fill the following posts:

DIRECTOR

The Director will be responsible for the formulation of policy and the overall management of the Organisation including the professional team.

The successful applicant will have a professional base in social work, medicine, psychology or education; will have completed further training in child, family or adult psychotherapy at a recognised institute, and have additional training in group work. He/she is likely to have been a senior practitioner in the Health and Social Services with at least ten years of post-professional qualification experience in the area of parenting and family life in our complex and multiracial society. He/she will be expected to combine a high level of clinical skill with a capacity to be self-motivating and to act as an innovator in their field.

Salary: PO2 — £14,586, inclusive of ILW — pay award pending.

ADMINISTRATOR

The Administrator will be responsible to the Director for the day-to-day administration of the Organisation, to keep the accounts of the Organisation and to manage the office and secretarial support. He/she will be required to be available some evenings and weekends to administer the workshops for the Organisation.

The successful applicant will have a good educational background with several years experience of administration in the voluntary or business sector as well as the ability to run an office. Typing skills would be an advantage. An interest in working with people is essential as well as the capacity to work under pressure and be self-motivating.

Salary: APS — £9,345, inclusive of ILW — pay award pending.

SECRETARY

The Secretary will provide general shorthand, typing and secretarial services to the Organisation. He/she will be responsible directly to the Administrator and will be responsible for all secretarial work within the Organisation. The Secretary will attend all meetings held within the Organisation and be responsible for taking the minutes and keeping appropriate records.

Salary: APS — £7,455, inclusive of ILW — pay award pending.

The Exploring Parenthood Trust is GLC funded and an Equal Opportunities Employer.

Job sharing will be considered for all three posts.

Applications, marking the envelope with the post for which you are applying, should be sent to:

The Trustees,
The Exploring Parenthood Trust,
23A Belsize Square,
London NW3 4HU.

Principal Finance Officer

PO6 £16,974-£18,006

You will undertake a wide range of duties associated with financial systems development, forecasting, research and value for money reviews. A good understanding of block grant and related issues is also considered important.

The post is at third tier level in the Finance Directorate and you will be required to manage and develop the work of seven people. Previous experience of managing professional staff is important and several years' experience of public finance is required.

Whilst a degree and professional accountancy qualification (preferably CIPFA) are considered desirable, greater importance is attached to appropriate experience and inter-personal skills.

Job share applications will be welcomed with or without a partner.

Please quote Ref MJ189/G.

Application forms are available from John Penney, Head of Personnel Services, Town Hall, Mare Street E8 1EA, or Tel 01-986 5331 (24-hour answering service), quoting reference. Closing date: 8th March, 1985.

The Council intends to decentralise its services, therefore the duties, hours of work or location of this post may be subject to change.

HACKNEY COUNCIL
Working for local people

We positively welcome applications from black people, disabled people and women where they are under-represented in particular jobs.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
LOW COST HOME OWNERSHIP
Salary Range: (£6,639-£7,434)

New Midland Housing Association based in Handsworth is active in the low cost home ownership field in the North Birmingham area. With particular emphasis on Improvement for Sale. The Association is also involved in the new Transferable Discount scheme and the management of a Co-ownership (Equity Sharing) development.

This is an excellent opportunity to broaden your experience in this new area of housing work. The job will involve finding suitable properties and liaison with estate agents, valuers, solicitors, architects, Building Societies, prospective purchasers and the local office of the Housing Corporation as well as the preparation of publicity and promotional material about the Association's activities.

The successful applicant is likely to be over 25 years of age, educated to 'A' level standard or above, and to have at least 2/3 years experience in the property or the Housing Association field. Numeracy, communication skills and the ability to relate to a wide range of people will be important. Applicants should have a clean current driving licence.

Please write or phone for further details and an application form to: Joan Wem, New Midland Housing Association Ltd., 138 Hamstead Road, Handsworth, Birmingham B20 2QR. (021) 551 7701.

Closing date: 8th March 1985.

MGM

Mirror Group Newspapers

Social Security Adviser

A Social Security Adviser is required to join our existing team of specialist advisers in MGN's readers service department.

The successful applicant should have at least two years experience in an advice giving environment and be well informed on social security legislation. A wide knowledge of social security, war pensions and service *matters is required, also the ability to communicate this information.*

Salary circa £10,500 per annum, 6 weeks holiday, company pension scheme.

For job description and application form please write:

Mr. J. W. Palfrey, Personnel Dept., Mirror Group Newspapers Ltd., Athene House, 66-73 Shoe Lane, London EC4.

THE HOMELESS YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROJECT
requires

1. A part-time ADMINISTRATIVE WORKER (25 hours). Salary £3,525 plus proportionate outer London weighting. Knowledge of bookkeeping / typing essential;
2. A part-time PROJECT WORKER (25 hours). Salary AP4;

for its two hostels for young people aged 16 to 25.

We particularly welcome people with an interest in working with young people and with knowledge or experience of working in the Afro-Caribbean community.

Further information and application forms from: Homeless Young People's Project, Renewal Programme, Harold Road Centre, Harold Road, London E13 0SE. Tel 01-471 5111

Closing date for applications: 8th March, 1985.

We are an Equal Opportunities employer.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX

This organisation, which provides back-up services to Citizens Advice *Bureaux throughout the country, currently has the following vacancy:*

COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

(Based in London), circa £10,000

who will be responsible to the Assistant Director (Finance and Administration) for the servicing and support for the Executive Committee and Management Team which are responsible for major decisions affecting the CAB Service and the management of the National Association. Therefore this is a key post in progressing the work of the Association.

The successful candidate will have proven experience in taking minutes of meetings, preparing reports and should be conversant with the preparatory and collating work of committees and subsequent *follow-up work. Knowledge of voluntary organisations and local or* central government structure would be an advantage.

This post offers opportunity to meet a wide variety of people and to work with a friendly group of staff dedicated to supporting the work of local CABx.

Generous leave, Luncheon Vouchers and contributory pension scheme.

For job description and application form please WRITE on a postcard to: *Personnel Department, NACAB,* 115-123 Pentonville Road, London N1 9LZ.

CLOSING DATE: 8TH MARCH, 1985.

All applicants considered on the basis of suitability for post regardless of sex, race, marital status or disability.

Citizens Advice Bureau

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
LOW COST HOME OWNERSHIP
Salary range £6,639-£7,434

New Midland Housing Association, based in Handsworth, is active in the low cost home ownership field in the North Birmingham area with particular emphasis on Improvement for Sale. The Association is also involved in the new Transferable Discount scheme and the management of a Co-ownership (Equity Sharing) development.

This is an excellent opportunity to broaden your experience in this new area of housing work. The job will involve finding suitable properties and liaison with estate agents, valuers, solicitors, architects, building societies, prospective purchasers and the local office of the Housing Corporation, as well as the preparation of publicity and promotional material about the Association's activities.

The successful applicant is likely to be over 25 years of age, educated to A level standard or above, and to have at least 2/3 years' experience in the property or the Housing Association field. Numeracy, communication skills and the ability to relate to a wide range of people will be important. Applicants should have a clean current driving licence.

Please write or phone for further details and an application form to Joan Wem, New Midland Housing Association Limited, 138 Hampstead Road, Handsworth, Birmingham B20 2QR. Tel 021-551 7701.

Closing date: 8th March, 1985.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
£7,939

The British Medical Association is the doctors' professional association and registered trade union providing a wide range of services to a growing membership.

We have opportunities for executive officers to work with committees of general practitioners and hospital doctors. Duties include preparation of agendas, minutes, briefing notes, arranging meetings, etc.

If you have 'A' levels or a degree plus some committee experience and proven administrative skills, we would like to hear from you.

Please write, with all relevant details, to Anne Chatterton, Personnel Officer, BMA, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP.

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amnesty international
seeks a

Head of Middle East Region

to work in its London-based International Secretariat.

The work of the Middle East Research department includes *investigating and documenting human rights violations in the* region and preparing initiatives to be taken by Amnesty International in relation to prisoners of conscience, trial procedures, the treatment of prisoners and the death penalty.

The Head of Region supervises 14 staff on strategy and techniques for action and research; approves texts and actions prepared by the research staff; advises superior instances on policy; and has immediate responsibility for various *administrative and personnel matters.*

Candidates should have good political judgement and extensive knowledge of the Middle East region, with a specialist knowledge of one sub-region. Experience or demonstrable ability in supervising specialist staff is necessary as is the ability to communicate well in English both orally and in writing. Command of Arabic is essential. Working knowledge of another European language an asset.

Salary: £10,752 per annum (index-linked; annual increments).

Closing date for return of completed application forms: 31 March 1985.

For further details and application form, please contact the Personnel Department, Amnesty International, International Secretariat, 1 Easton Street, London WC1X 8DJ. Tel: 01-833 1771 ext 5147. Telex 28503.

NO FIXED ABODE
(EAST LONDON DAY CENTRES ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT)
requires an

ACTION RESEARCH WORKER

for a 15-month period

NFA, a co-ordinating body for 13 voluntary agencies working with single people who are homeless in East London, is seeking to appoint an Action Research Worker to research the levels and patterns of uses being made of four day centres (St Botolph's Crypt, St George's Men's Care Unit, Tower Hamlets Mission, Whitechapel Mission).

The postholder will establish a profile of the characteristics and views of the service users, and assist the day centres in responding to the research findings.

This is an innovative project where the agencies involved are making a considerable commitment to pursuing greater co-ordination of services. The post offers an opportunity for someone with considerable expertise and sensitivity to play a key role in the process of identifying and understanding the significance of day centre provision in East London, and of measuring the effectiveness of this provision.

Previous research experience is essential for this post. Experience of micro-computers is desirable as is experience of voluntary agencies providing services to single people who are homeless.

Salary: NJC SCP 28: £9,660 pa inclusive.

For further details and application form contact Mike Cooke, Fieldworker, NFA, 22 Underwood Road, London E1. Tel 01-247 0285.

This is a GLC-funded post for a term of 15 months.

Closing date: 8th March, 1985.

This is an Equal Opportunities appointment.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVES DEPARTMENT

Camden Council is constantly reviewing policies and methods of service delivery in order to find the best way of meeting the needs of people living and working in the Borough. This is even more important at a time when resources are limited.

The Policy and Co-ordination Unit is a small group which assists the Chief Executives, other chief officers and senior members in carrying out such reviews. It also co-ordinates certain aspects of the Council's capital building programmes.

Project Officer

£11,952-£13,929 p.a. inc. (pay award pending)

The post offers work from a varied programme organised on a project basis. Projects involve assisting with the implementation of changes, including negotiating with officers up to the highest levels.

Applicants will need to demonstrate effective communication, research and analytical skills, creatively in finding solutions to problems and an ability to convince people of the changes required. They should be self-motivated and able to work independently. An understanding of the problems of inner city local government is important.

Considerable experience in a relevant function is required, preferably in a local authority or similar organisation.

(Ref: 1A/260/G).

Informal enquiries to the Senior Projects Officers — Roz Young on 01-278 4444, Extn 2115 or Sue Hillman on Extn 2030.

Closing date: 4th March, 1985.

Can you help us get the best out of contractors?

We are looking for people to play a vital role in the new Approved List Unit controlling the use of contractors. The work of the Unit involves vetting companies applying for the Approved List of Contractors to ensure their competence to carry out work, and their compliance with good employment conditions. The Unit also investigates complaints against contractors, and carries out on-site inspections to check that all employment conditions and safety requirements are being met.

Contracts Compliance Officer

(Ref: 1A/275/G)

£11,964-£12,810 p.a. (incl.)

The work entails on-site investigations to ensure that contractors comply with labour relations conditions and investigation of complaints about the work or conduct of the contractors. You will need a knowledge of contract procedures and building industry practices and experience/readiness to meet TA's and TU7s as well as Architects etc.

Employment Conditions Officer

(Ref 1A/274/G)

£10,725-£12,273 p.a. (incl.)

The work involves checking Approved List applications from companies to ensure they comply with good employer conditions covering wages and conditions, equal opportunities in employment, trade union rights and apprentice and other training. You will advise companies on meeting these requirements, and also carry out investigations of complaints covering these areas. A knowledge of relevant legislation and industrial agreements will be required.

Contracts Safety Officer

(Ref 1A/276/G)

£10,725-£11,355 p.a. (incl.)

This work spans two areas. Firstly, checking the safety policies and arrangements of companies applying for inclusion on the Approved List and advising on meeting requirements. Secondly, on-site inspections of contractors carrying out work to ensure safe working procedures are complied with. A knowledge of relevant regulation and experience of safety in building operations will be needed.

For an informal discussion ring Peter Kahn on 01-278 4444 Ext 2445.

Closing date: 11 March, 1985.

Application form from (and further details) and to be returned to: Departmental Staffing Officer, Room 207, Town Hall, Euston Road, London NW1 2RU. Tel: 01-837 9988 (ansafone) quoting appropriate reference number.

Camden Services — too good to lose!

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Applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the post, with equal opportunities for women, black/ethnic minorities, lesbians and gay men and people with disabilities, and regardless of marital status, age, creed/religion and unrelated criminal conviction. All posts are open for job-sharing.

Alcohol Training Development Officer

To set up a new three year project to provide training about alcohol misuse for staff within NACRO and other key staff working with offenders.

You will be based in Birmingham, and will have responsibility for the training activities in the Midlands, the North West and South Wales areas.

We are looking for someone who has experience of training and or work with offenders, and those who misuse alcohol, and who shares our aim of trying to reduce the numbers of those with alcohol problems going through the criminal justice system.

Starting salary: £10,241 (incremental scale)

Closing date: 11 March 1985.

For further details please write, enclosing large self-addressed envelope to Peter Shore, NACRO, 169 Clapham Road, London SW9 0PU.

As an equal opportunities employer, we welcome applications from anyone regardless of colour, ethnic origin or sex, and from disabled people and ex-offenders.

NACRO

For the care of offenders and the prevention of crime

SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

A progressive, voluntary youth and children's organisation seeks to appoint a highly motivated person to develop the Woodcraft Folk in the South of England, based from its Head Office in South London.

Ability to work with voluntary leaders and within a committee structure essential.

Salary circa £9,000, including London weighting.

For further details, write or phone: **The National Secretary, The Woodcraft Folk, 13 Ritherdon Road, London SW17 8QE. Tel: 01-672 6031 OR 01-767 2457.**

CLOSING DATE: 4th March, 1985.

LONDON DEVELOPMENT WORKER

The Woodcraft Folk seeks to appoint a Development Worker for one year commencing as soon as possible to promote and develop the organisation in Greater London. The person appointed will be expected to be able to have a high degree of personal initiative and to work with voluntary leaders. Publicity skills would be an added advantage.

The post is funded by the Greater London Council.

Salary: APS £9,800.

For further details, write or phone: **The National Secretary, The Woodcraft Folk, 13 Ritherdon Road, London SW17 8QE. Tel: 01-672 6031 OR 01-767 2457.**

CLOSING DATE: 4th March, 1985.

Head of Housing Advice

£12,213-£13,197 **Ref HO238**

This is an important and challenging job in a progressive inner city Housing Authority. The Borough faces major problems with housing demand far outstripping supply, and a deteriorating housing stock. These problems bear most heavily on already disadvantaged people, such as single parents, the elderly and black people.

The Head of Housing Advice is responsible for the development and day-to-day management of a comprehensive housing advice service to residents of the borough. Applicants should have an understanding of the issues relating to providing housing advice in circumstances such as face Lewisham and should demonstrate this in their applications.

The Council wishes to develop in particular the advice service it is able to deliver to people who will continue to live in the private sector and applicants should have positive ideas about how to achieve this. She or he must be able to manage staff working under great pressure and see changes through into practice.

The successful applicant will probably have experience of housing advice work, in the voluntary or public sector, in a multi-racial community and of managing staff.

The Council is fully committed to equal opportunities policies. The successful candidate will be expected to make an appropriate contribution to their implementation.

Applications from job sharers welcomed.

For an informal discussion contact Trevor Crook, Head of Strategy and Needs Division, Tel 01-852 4381 ext 13, after obtaining application forms and further particulars.

Social Worker

WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SE5

£8,958-£11,670 **Ref SS234**

Professionally qualified Social Worker wanted for busy patch team.

The vacancy is in Pepys Team, one of four teams in Western District. The area in which we work has a large proportion of black people, predominantly Afro-Caribbean. At present we have one black worker in the team, and we feel that to be more responsive to the needs of the community we need a more balanced team. We will therefore positively welcome applications from black people.

The team comprises a Team Leader, Senior Social Worker, six qualified social workers, a social welfare officer and a team clerk. Whilst there is a predominance of statutory and child care work, team members have a wide range of interests and encouragement is given to looking at different methods of working, such as groupwork. The team is particularly interested in making better links with the community and working towards a more patch oriented approach.

We are looking for someone with enthusiasm and initiative who also has a positive approach to teamwork.

The team has a strong commitment to supervision and there is opportunity for discussion of wider issues in weekly team meetings.

Applications from Job Sharers welcome. A leaflet explaining Job Sharing will be sent with application form.

For informal discussion please contact Marion Farmer (Team Leader) or any team member on 01-692 1288.

Application form, returnable by 8th March, 1985, and detailed job description from Chief Personnel Officer, Riverdale Offices, 68 Molesworth Street, London SE13 7EU or Tel 01-318 9297 (24-hr Ansafone service), quoting appropriate reference and the job title.

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

Our jobs are open equally to all races and both sexes.

LEWISHAM'S SERVICES *Let's keep them!*

St. Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea

SOCIAL WORKER

Ref. G483

£9,252-£11,964 p.a. incl.

2½ year, fixed term contract

We are seeking an enthusiastic qualified Social Worker, with a commitment to the social work needs of the elderly but who would welcome a varied caseload.

St. Stephen's is a district General and University Hospital in a cosmopolitan area with a well-established social work department. We undertake statutory work, operate a duty system and have good links with the community. Regular supervision and training opportunities are provided.

The geriatric service is developing and the social work contribution is an integral part of patient care. The orthopaedic unit offers opportunities for a mix of short-term crisis work with the effects of trauma upon the individual and family, work with the rehabilitation of longer-term disabled and opportunities to work with psychosomatic conditions.

For enquiries and application forms please contact Sonia Richardson, Principal Social Worker, or Mysanwy Roberts, Team Leader on 01-352 8161. Ext. 400.

Closing date for applications 6th March 1985.

The Royal Borough of KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

HOSTEL WORKER

required to work as one of a team of three in a small hostel for homeless young women, many of whom are from an ethnic minority. Experience of work with young people or homeless people is considered more important than formal training. Applicants should be over 25 years of age. Salary £7300 p.a. Closing date: 13th March.

For further information and application form contact: Sister Winifred Dowd, 74 Anson Road, Cricklewood, London NW2 6AD. Tel: 452 1874.

Vacancy from March 1st

for a experienced

ASSISTANT WARDEN

(non-resident)

at this small rural community for ex-offenders of both sexes. Salary £5,811 p.a. (increase pending) L.A. conditions of service.

Further information telephone **Passfield 403.**

ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL SERVICES

TOWN TWINNING OFFICER

(Ref: L8) Salary up to £12,810 per annum incl.

Lambeth is committed to developing a range of links with communities both in this country and abroad. To date links have been established in the UK, Jamaica, the Soviet Union, France and Nicaragua. An officer is now required to take responsibility for developing and further extending twinning initiatives involving exchanges, information provision, projects of mutual benefit and similar activities.

The Twinning Officer will also ensure that issues such as peace initiatives and equality of opportunity are fully reflected in twinning activities and that community groups are encouraged and supported in developing such links and will support the development of such groups.

Reporting to the Chief Public Relations Officer the postholder will also provide close support to the Council's Town Twinning Working Party.

He/she will be an efficient organiser and a self motivator. Experience of town twinning, voluntary aid or similar work having an international dimension is essential as is a firm commitment to anti-racism and equal opportunity.

Lambeth is a multi-racial borough with progressive policies and the post offers a challenging opportunity to assist in developing these to the benefit of all the communities concerned.

Individuals can apply for job-sharing.

For an application please telephone 01-274 7722, ext. 2339, or write to Personnel Officer, Directorate of Administration and Legal Services, London Borough of Lambeth, Town Hall, London SW2. Closing date: 11th March, 1985.

HOUSING & PROPERTY SERVICES

The Housing Directorate within Lambeth has embarked on an ambitious and challenging programme of decentralisation as part of its intention to bring its housing services to the community.

Within the Directorate the Special Housing Services function has made a particular commitment to maintain and develop the concept of care within the community, in order to meet the increasing needs of groups such as the homeless, the mentally ill, the handicapped and the elderly.

If you wish to actively contribute to this initiative and are committed to this Council's policies on Equal Opportunities and appreciate the demands for housing within an inner city multi-racial community, we have the following opportunities.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION OFFICER (Ref: H25) Salary: £9,780-£11,355 p.a. incl.

As part of a review within the function we are looking for an Officer who will be an active and integral member of the team responsible for the day-to-day management of Reception Centres and the monitoring of Bed and Breakfast establishments used for temporary accommodation for homeless persons.

As an excellent communicator you will use your skills in liaising with other Directorates, departments and agencies as appropriate and in providing support, advice and assistance to the client group.

Being self-motivated you will actively contribute to the effectiveness of the team; you must also demonstrate organisational ability and communication skills. You should appreciate that on occasions you will work alone in this pressurised and stressful environment.

Ideally you have relevant experience of working in a similar environment, preferably within a multi-racial community; however, it is essential that you are aware of and appreciate the issues relating to homelessness.

On a rota basis you will be required to work "standby duty" in the evenings and at weekends (including Bank Holidays), for which additional payment is made. It is desirable that you hold a driving licence and a casual car users' allowance is paid.

Individuals can apply for job-sharing.

Closing date: 4th March, 1985.

The Finance Division of the Directorate of Housing and Property Services comprises of four sections, each dealing with a specific expenditure processing and budgetary control, with a specific area of financial responsibility, namely Housing Benefits, Council rents, expenditure processing and budgetary control.

Currently we have the following vacancies:

HOUSING BENEFIT OFFICER (TEAM LEADER) SO1 (Ref: H28)

Salary £10,725-£11,355 (incl)

The Housing Benefit Section which deals with Housing Benefits for Council tenants, has a vacancy for a Team Leader.

Initially, you will be based centrally with your team; however it is proposed to decentralise the Housing Benefit Service to the five district offices located in the Borough which may necessitate you being located at any of these decentralised offices.

The main responsibilities include ensuring that Housing Benefit applications are accurately and efficiently processed. In addition you may also be required to assess the rents within a given district.

As a Team Leader you will need to acquire a detailed knowledge of and keep abreast with Housing Benefit and related legislation. You will also have the responsibility of training staff in the processing of Housing Benefit applicants generally, internal procedures, current legislation and the local scheme.

You should display sound verbal and written communication skills, the ability to train and motivate staff and possess a commitment and enthusiastic approach to Housing Benefits and its applicants in an inner-city multi-racial area.

Individuals can apply for job-sharing.

Closing date: 8th March, 1985.

ASSISTANT MANAGER

Vauxhall Hostel (Ref: H26)

Salary £11,500 circa. Inclusive of enhancements and London weighting.

Vauxhall Hostel is a large common lodging house providing accommodation for 320 single homeless men.

As an Assistant Manager you will be joining a team responsible to the Officer in Charge for maintaining the day-to-day management of the hostel over 24 hours.

You will play a co-ordinating and supervisory role and will supervise whilst you are on shift a large manual team of porters and domestics who are responsible for bed making, the security and the cleanliness of the hostel.

As you are required to provide support for the residents it is essential you demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the problems associated with homelessness and institutionalism. You will be an energetic person with a caring approach and an interest in working with this client group. Ideally you will have experience in the field of single homelessness and/or residential work.

The team of Assistant Managers are required on a rota basis to work shifts throughout 24 hours and therefore on occasions you will cover nights, weekends and Bank Holiday, for which an additional payment is made.

If you possess these qualities and the commitment to work with this client group Vauxhall Hostel is an ideal opportunity for you to develop your skills in this area.

If you wish you may contact Mr Des Milliken (Officer in Charge) on 01-735 1936 for an informal discussion regarding Vauxhall Hostel.

Individuals can apply for job-sharing.

Closing date: 4th March, 1985.

RENT ACCOUNTS OFFICER

(Ref: H29) Salary: £8,772-£9,510 p.a. incl.

The Rent Accounts Section is seeking to appoint a Rent Accounts Officer to contribute to the effective administration of the section which deals with Council Tenants' rent accounts.

The successful applicant will be required to assist in the maintenance of Rent Accounts for the five Housing districts of the Borough by receiving and verifying information, e.g.: making debit adjustments where necessary and reconciling computer outputs accordingly. You will also be required to liaise and maintain a close contact with staff at district offices and to interview tenants and assist them in their individual rent accounts.

A numerate and enquiring mind coupled with the ability to analyse and interpret statistics and information effectively is required. You should also display sound oral and written communication skills.

Individuals can apply for job-sharing.

Closing date: 8th March, 1985.

ASSISTANT OFFICE MANAGER

SCALE 6/SO1 (Ref: H31) Salary £9,780-£11,355 (incl)

The Personnel and Support Services Division require an Assistant Office Manager to provide an efficient and effective Office Management service for the Housing Directorate's centralised and decentralised district and neighbourhood offices, and to deputise for the Office Manager in his absence.

The postholder will also be required to undertake much of the day-to-day responsibility for the running of the Support Services Sub-Division. This includes the planning and provision of an efficient typing and word processing service, the distribution of incoming and outgoing mail, the planning and provision of office accommodation, equipment and stationery, and the provision of an adequate security, safety and cleaning service for the premises.

You should display proven administrative, organisational and office management skills including the ability to supervise and motivate staff.

Individuals can apply for job-sharing.

Closing date: 8th March, 1985.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Scale 5

(Ref: H32) Salary £8,772-£9,510 p.a. (incl)

To be responsible for the provision of full administrative support to the section responsible for actioning Committee items in the Housing Directorate and to co-ordinate and monitor the implementation of decisions taken at senior management meetings.

You would be expected to minute these senior management meetings on a regular basis and to act as a co-ordinator and progress chaser for any resulting decisions within Housing and across other Directorates.

Proven administrative skills coupled with the ability to organise, prioritise and co-ordinate tasks to strict deadlines is essential. In addition you should demonstrate the ability to work on your own initiative at all times and possess sound verbal and written communication skills.

Individuals can apply for job-sharing.

Closing date: 8th March, 1985.

HOUSING ADVISORY OFFICER

Scale 5/6 (Ref: H33) Salary £8,772-£10,362 (incl)

The main areas of work are Landlord and Tenant advice, advising the single homeless, welfare rights, advice on house renovation grants, rehousing queries and other problems related to private sector housing.

You will be required to interview members of the public and advise them on their housing problems. In addition to individual casework each adviser is expected to develop an area of special expertise and to contribute to the development of the Housing Aid Service in Lambeth.

Previous experience of interviewing and casework and a knowledge of landlord and tenant law would be advantageous.

No formal qualifications are required as training will be provided. However an imaginative and flexible approach to problem solving is important. The ability to work under pressure and cope with stressful situations is essential as is an awareness of the housing needs of a multi-racial community.

Individuals can apply for job-sharing.

Closing date: 8th March, 1985.

Application forms obtainable from the Personnel Officer, Directorate of Housing & Property Services, London Borough of Lambeth, Hambrook House, Porden Road, London SW2. Tel: 01-274 7722, ext. 2053.

Benefits for most posts advertised include flexible working hours, subsidised staff canteen, sickness and superannuation scheme, generous annual leave.

As part of Lambeth's Equal Opportunities Policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of race, creed, nationality, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation or responsibility for children or dependants.

LAMBETH

SERVICES WELL WORTH DEFENDING

Nottinghamshire County Council Social Services

Senior Occupational Therapist

(Mansfield Area Office)

£8,532-£10,107 p.a.

A qualified Occupational Therapist (male or female) is required to operate as senior practitioner and to manage a small team, consisting of Occupational Therapist and Occupational Therapy Assistant, in a busy Social Services Area Office. The O.T.'s work closely with social workers and domiciliary services personnel to provide a service to the physically handicapped and elderly members of the community. Responsibilities will include supervising members of the team, allocating work, and advising management on policy and budgetary issues, as well as carrying a caseload. There are well established links with Homes for the Elderly and the Day Centre for the Physically Handicapped, Hospitals, G.P.'s and the District Council Housing and Environmental Services Departments. An imaginative and energetic approach to the development of a more comprehensive service will be encouraged. Professional support and supervision will be available. Applicants must hold a current driving licence.

This is a re-advertisement and previous applicants need not re-apply.

Relocation expenses where appropriate.

For further information/informal discussion contact Sheila Davies, Assistant Area Director on Mansfield 22551.

Requests for application form and job description should be made in writing to the Staffing Section, Social Services Department, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

Closing date 5 March.

Please quote ref. AC/795/110.

An Equal Opportunity Employer.

ARTS OFFICER

£7,524-£9,114 pa

Applications are invited from suitably qualified graduates for the above post concerned with arts development work within the leisure section of the department.

COUNTRYSIDE WARDEN

Brigstock Country Park

£5,397-£6,081 pa

Applications are invited from suitably qualified people, preferably with detached responsibility for this new small country park in the heart of rural Northamptonshire not far from Corby.

Further details and application forms from: R. Wright, County Leisure and Libraries Officer, 27 Guildhall Road, Northampton NN1 1EF, enclosing a self addressed envelope. Tel Northampton 34833 ext 5283. Closing date: 6th March, 1985.

Northamptonshire Leisure & Libraries

Mother and Baby Project needs a

SECOND PART-TIME WORKER

(Approx. 27 hours p.w. negotiable)

for well established short stay house near Earls Court, aiming to increase confidence foster independence. The work is a combination of personal and group support, and administrative duties.

Salary £9621 (APS) pro rata.

Send SAE for job description and application form to

Richardson House, 84, Redcliffe Gardens, London SW10.

KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON

KING'S FUND COLLEGE

FELLOWS

The King's Fund College is seeking to appoint a number of new Fellows. The College is an independent, charitable institution, concerned with management education and development in the National Health Service. The College also has an active and diverse programme of management consultancy with Health Authorities. Both the educational and consulting activities are growing rapidly and new appointments at a senior level are necessary to sustain this extended workload.

Applications are invited from those who can contribute to the teaching, research, consultancy and management development activities of the College. A commitment to management education and development is essential as is the capacity to work on consulting assignments in the field with Health Authorities. Applications would be particularly welcome from those who can contribute to the College's activities in one or more of the following areas:

— strategic managements and planning
— performance assessment and quality assurance
— organisational design and development
— financial modelling and information systems development

Experience relating to health service management, management development or management consultancy would all be an advantage.

Since several positions are involved, applications are invited from any relevant disciplinary or professional background. The existing and prospective commitments of the College are such, however, that a candidate with strong management consulting experience and/or a degree in a numerate or analytic discipline is likely to be appointed to at least one of the available posts.

Appointments of Fellows to the College Faculty are initially for fixed terms of three years which can be extended by mutual agreement. The College's facilities are excellent and currently being extended. Salaries are normally in the range of £16,823 to £21,538 but Fellows can expect to supplement these in appropriate circumstances from approval management consultancy projects.

Further information is available from Tom Evans, Director, King's Fund College, 2 Palace Court, London, W2 4HS. Telephone 01-229 9361.

Closing date for applications is **16th March, 1985.**

Deputy Group Leader
£8,919 — £10,452

Residential Child Care Officers
£8,181 — £9,477 (Gde 4)
£6,579 — £8,403 (Gde 2/3)

Melanie Klein House, a Regional Centre for Young People, is a new purpose-built centre in Greenwich which offers a wide range of services to 36 troubled and troublesome young people from throughout London, who need a more intensive response that can be immediately provided within their own Boroughs. Currently the centre is to cater for girls although it may later be mixed.

Length of stay and services offered will vary in the light of individual need, family, social and educational circumstances. The centre will have more than 50 professional staff giving high care and teaching ratios. Additionally there are excellent consultant resources, together with an in-house staff training programme.

The centre has three units each for ten residents one of which will also have oversight of six independence training flats. There is also secure accommodation for six young people which will be used to support the other units, mainly on a "time-out" basis.

Two Units are currently open and we are now recruiting for the third Unit.

Deputy Group Leader candidates must have either an appropriate Social Work qualification or show evidence of studying at an advanced level in a related field, eg education, psychiatric nursing, and have at least three years' experience of residential work with children and young people. Senior RCCO's should have a similar background with at least two years' experience of residential work with children or young people.

RCCO's should have had a good general education and some previous experience of work with disturbed children and young people in a residential setting.

We believe in the relevance of psychoanalytic understandings to the practical realities of providing a very stable, caring environment.

Further information and application form from the Principal, Don Clark, at Melanie Klein House, 40 Greenwich High Road, London, SE10. Tel: 01-697 4622.

Closing date: **16th March, 1985.**

THE COUNCIL POSITIVELY WELCOMES APPLICATIONS FROM WOMEN, ETHNIC MINORITIES AND DISABLED PEOPLE

GREENWICH
People and Services First

HOUSING

Principal Administrative Officer
(Finance) — Up to £15,606

In times when we must do more, with less money, the need for close financial control is essential, if we are to manage an effective, efficient yet economic service.

To help us maximise the available resources we are looking for someone with a great deal of drive and intellect who can bring the very highest degree of expertise and commitment to the Housing Department.

You'll be managing our Finance Section, providing financial planning and cost control information, advising on forward planning and liaising with management teams on specific projects.

Ideally, you'll have an accountancy or administration qualification but proven ability in estimating and budgetary control, and a sound financial background with experience at a senior level is, however, much more important.

As well as all the benefits of working for a large and progressive Inner London Borough we offer a salary on the scale £14,574-£15,606, 25 days holiday a year and relocation expenses (where applicable).
(Ref: HCAF.1).

LEISURE AND RECREATION

Recreation Assistant
The Fulham Pools
£5,985-£6,645 inc.
plus shift allowance and weekend enhancements, where applicable.

Are you beached? Why not ride on the crest of a wave by joining us at the Fulham Pools?

As a result of promotion we are now looking for 2 recreation assistants who will be responsible for poolside surveillance and maintenance of high standards of cleanliness within the complex.

You will also have excellent opportunities to gain further qualifications and to take part in an extensive activities programme. Minimum qualification is the current RLSS bronze medallion. Teaching/coaching awards in water based activities would be advantageous. (Ref: RASPF.21).

Application forms form London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham (Personnel), Town Hall Extension, King Street, Hammersmith W6 9JU, telephone 01-741 0804 (24 hour answering service) quoting appropriate reference.

Closing date: 1st March 1985.

Hammersmith & Fulham *An Equal Opportunity Employer*

HACKNEY ENTERPRISE BOARD

is a new company, set up with the objective of strengthening the Hackney economy by investing in profitable and job-generating local ventures. The board has been successful in obtaining finance from the greater London Enterprise Board and the London Borough of Hackney.

Chief Executive
£18,000

Reporting to the independent Board, you will take prime responsibility for developing projects, negotiating investment packages, and appraising proposals. You will be expected to take the lead in ensuring the swift establishment of HEB and its investment portfolio.

You will have a proven track record in industrial or commercial investment, combined with the breadth of knowledge and innovation to initiate opportunities in the local economy.

You must be able to develop projects which give the fullest account to both commercial and broader economic objectives.

Administrator
£10,000

You will be responsible for carrying out the administrative support functions of the Board and its Chief Executive, including secretarial, administrative clerical, typing and reception. You must have the ability to liaise effectively at all levels and to service meetings. Audio/typing skills are essential. A knowledge of word processing would be an asset.

For each of the above posts: a knowledge of the disadvantages faced by Black, Asian and Cypriot people would be particularly useful.

Both jobs are initially for one year contract.

For an informal discussion about either job, please ring John Tilley on 739 7600 ext. 205.

Letters of application to be sent by March 4th to: Mervyn Jones, Company Secretary, HEB, 1 Hoxton St., N.1.

The Hackney Enterprise Board is an equal opportunities employer. We welcome your application which will be considered on merit, irrespective of race, marital status, sex, or any disability you may have.

LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Two vacancies exist within the Council's Economic Development Unit, which would be of interest to applicants who are ambitious, have a high level of commitment and thereby seek to make a positive contribution to the work of an enthusiastic, professional team.

Both posts call for appropriate backgrounds and relevant qualifications:

D.417 — INDUSTRIAL LIAISON OFFICER
(Salary up to £12,900 p.a. incl.)

Your duties will involve close working with Merton's industrialists to develop new employment opportunities and initiatives; the promotion of incentives to maintain existing firms and attract new industrial enterprises to the Borough in support of the Economic Development Officer; maintain and update the units database regarding industrial activity, including budget preparation; contribute to the Council's overall employment and economic policy and advise on industrial matters generally.

D.419 — TECHNICAL OFFICER
(Salary up to £9,771 p.a. incl.)

Principally, you will be involved in providing technical support within the Unit by offering assistance in the preparation of exhibition material and promotional activities, to enhance the development potential in the Borough. Your responsibilities will include assisting in the co-ordination of economic development and employment activities of the department; the preparation of reports and statistical analysis and providing generally support service to the Economic Development Unit. You will also be expected to help in the preparation and monitoring of expenditure to ensure budget targets are achieved, and will liaise with agents and update and maintain the computerised Industrial Property Register. Training will be given where necessary.

In both cases, successful candidates can look forward to enhancing their career development in a stimulating environment.

Each post commands a range of benefits comparable to those offered by other local authorities.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Bill Samuel, Assistant Director, Development Department, on 01-545 3052.

Application forms and further details available from the Director of Development, Crown House, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX, telephone 01-545 3152 or 3153.

Closing date — 12th March, 1985.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

SOCIAL SERVICES

PRINCIPAL TRAINING OFFICER (Ref: HQ3)
£13,326 — £14,358

The post holder will be responsible for the overall management development and evaluation of training within the department.
Specifically the job is concerned with ensuring that the human resource of the department is appropriately developed and trained to meet future client and organisational demands. Applications from graduates experienced in training and development in a large organisation who can demonstrate a commitment to, and understanding of, the work of the Social Services Department will be welcomed.

COMPUTER DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (Ref: HQ28)
£12,738 — £13,725

The Social Services Department will be installing an IBM 8100 system in its divisions and headquarters offices as part of the Council's corporate computer strategy. The person appointed (on a three-year contract) will be responsible for advising on, and implementing, the system, and ensuring that it meets departmental, as well as corporate, needs. The post holder will be expected to demonstrate technical expertise in computers as well as an understanding of the work and objectives of the Social Services Department.

Both posts are responsible to the Assistant Director — Planning and Development, Dick Stockford, to whom informal enquiries should be made. Telephone Cambridge 317527. Further details and application form can be obtained from Social Services Department, Cambridgeshire County Council, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP. Telephone 317518.
Closing date: 8 March, 1985.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Public Transport Information Unit

An Information Unit is being set up by a consortium of local authorities, trades unions and consumer groups to publicise the effects of the government's proposals for restructuring the bus industry. It is anticipated that sufficient funding will be forthcoming to staff the unit for the duration of the Transport Bill's passage through Parliament. We are therefore seeking an energetic team with a commitment to good, cheap and integrated public transport to work on contracts of 6-8 months in the following capacities:

PRESS / PUBLICITY OFFICER

who would be responsible for developing links with the media, issuing press releases, organising press conferences and other events and advising the unit and its management committee on publicity matters and would also assist with the production of publicity material. Experience of working with the media is essential and a familiarity with the issues would be an advantage. Salary: SO1 or more depending on relevant experience.

RESEARCH OFFICER

who will gather and collate information regarding attitudes to public transport in general and the Buses Bill, analyse the likely effects of the Bill, and produce briefing material for the use of organisations sponsoring the unit and the general public. The ability to write and otherwise communicate well is essential and a knowledge of transport desirable. Salary: SO1.

INFORMATION OFFICER

who will organise the production of publicity materials explaining the effect of the Buses Bill to trade unions, community groups and the general public and be responsible for answering queries from and otherwise assisting the sponsoring bodies and organising whatever meetings/conferences are required. Experience of working under pressure in a trade union/pressure group context is necessary. Salary: SO1.

Applications in writing should be received by Monday 25th February and interviews will take place later that week. Please set out briefly your relevant experience and any proposals you would bring to the job. Please include a telephone number on which you can be contacted. In view of the short term nature of these posts the ability to start at short notice would be an advantage. Applications to the Co-ordinator, Public Transport Information Unit, 308 Grays Inn Road, London, WC1. Marked "Job applications."

Manager

for two major Arts and Entertainment Centres

Welwyn Hatfield Leisure Division wish to appoint a Manager (Operations), to administer The Forum, Hatfield — a theatre seating 750, and Campus West, Welwyn Garden City — a multi-purpose leisure centre, which includes a small theatre plus social, recreational, arts and entertainment facilities.

The Manager will be responsible for the day-to-day running of these two busy centres. The right applicant will be able to demonstrate a flair for efficient staff and financial management, and have proven administrative ability.

This important position calls for considerable breadth of experience, as the job requires an understanding of catering and bar services as well as theatre management.

Salary offered for this post is approximately £11,000 p.a. plus car allowance, self-financing productivity scheme and group life assurance. Welwyn Hatfield District Council is a progressive authority, and demands the highest standards of facility management. This part of Hertfordshire is a very pleasant place to live and work, being within easy reach of London, with excellent transport connections to the M25.

Can you meet our challenge and become a part of our enterprising management team? Send details about yourself to Brian Worthington, Chief Leisure Officer, Welwyn Hatfield District Council, Campus West, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6BX.

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TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT
POLICE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT

JOURNALIST
SO1/2 (£9,477 / £ 1,025)

We require an experienced journalist to edit a bi-monthly bulletin for the Manchester Council's Police Monitoring Committee.

You will be familiar with policing matters at both local and national level and will preferably have a background of investigative reporting. Duties will also include preparation of related campaign material and relevant experience in such work would be an advantage.

You should present some recent examples of your published work.

Application forms available from the Town Clerk's Staff Office, (telephone 061-234 3077) to be returned not later than 5th March, 1985.

The City Council operates a Union Membership agreement under which a new employee is required to become a member of a recognised Union.

MANCHESTER
City Council

Manchester City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and we positively welcome applications from women and men, regardless of their racial, ethnic or national origin, disability, age, sexuality, or responsibilities for dependants.

READING CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU
DEPUTY ORGANISER

required to work 17½ hours per week in management team of 3 £7,254 p.a. pro rata. You should be a mature person, with management ability and able to work under pressure. Relevant experience an advantage.
Send large SAE for application form to: Organiser, Citizens Advice Bureau, 10 St. Mary's Butts, Reading. Closing date: March 8th. Final interview date: March 26th.

ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL
WOODLAND PROJECT OFFICER
(3 year Appointment)

The District offers a rural countryside including over 30 ancient and secondary woods.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons who are able to advise landowners on the positive management of their woods with particular emphasis on landscape and nature conservation. They should be over 25, with the ability to motivate and manage people of all ages involved in practical tasks.

A car owner-driver is essential.

Salary scale £79,114 to £10,404.

Application forms and further details are available from the Director of Town Planning, Rochford District Council, Council Offices, South Street, Rochford, Essex SS4 1BW.
Closing date: 8th March, 1985.

This post is part funded by the Countryside Commission. Rochford D.C. is an equal opportunity employer.

Team Co-ordinator
£11,025-£11,889
House Wardens Allowance

Frant Court opened June 1980 and has been providing high standards of care and education for up to 36 girls (age 13+ on admission). It is situated in the beautiful village of Frant, 4 miles south of Tunbridge Wells.

We have attempted to provide a warm, accepting environment bounded by controls adequate to ensure the security and development of individual girls and the community as a whole. Our belief that very difficult adolescents can be cared for in an open setting without resorting to the use of long term secure provision has meant that our Secure suite does not have a separate staff group and is used on a time-out basis.

We consider that our flexible approach has been very successful, but also appreciate the stress that such methods of work impose on staff groups and realise the need to strengthen our care team. As a result of a major staffing review several new posts have been created. The two posts of Team Co-ordinators will play a crucial role in providing support. Each co-ordinator will be responsible for two groups of staff and girls providing support and leadership for up to 18 girls and approximately 20 staff.

Applicants should have a relevant qualification and very considerable experience of working with difficult adolescents and of managing a staff group.

Resilience, a sensitivity towards others and the personality and ability to provide controls maturely whilst responding to outbursts of very difficult infantile behaviour will be some of the qualities we seek in applicants.

The two posts will provide the opportunity for those appointed to develop their management skills whilst maintaining an active involvement with adolescents and working with and alongside the House Unit Teams carrying out the residential task. For an informal interview please contact the Deputy Principal, Godfrey Daniels, on Frant 212.

Application form from Director of Social Services, London Borough of Greenwich, 50 Woolwich New Road, London SE18 6HO. Tel: 01-854 8888, Ext. 3073.

Closing date: 16th March, 1985

THE COUNCIL POSITIVELY WELCOMES APPLICATIONS FROM WOMEN, ETHNIC MINORITIES AND DISABLED PEOPLE.

GREENWICH
People and Services First

GENERAL

REGIONAL OFFICER

THE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

require a Regional Officer for the South Region

Applicants should have ability to motivate and manage people of all ages to carry out practical conservation. The Regional Officer will manage the Region's resources including staff, buildings and vehicles and must be a capable administrator with the ability to exercise sound financial control.

Salary scale £8,504-£12,554 (under review)

For details and application form send A5 sae to:

Trust Administrator, BTCV, 36 St Mary's Street, Wallingford, Oxon, OX10 0EU.

Closing date for applications: March 1, 1985

MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

HOUSPARENT
Grade 1, £4,611-£5,769 Unqualified (minimum age 21 years)
Grade 3, £8,555-£7,329 experienced; £7,065-£7,746 Qualified

Mobberley is a Community Home with Education on the Premises. There are three house units of 30 children. The task is demanding, requiring patience and understanding. We are seeking an individual with some experience in this type of work and one who is committed to active involvement with young people. For an informal discussion telephone Mr Evans, Head of School or Mr Thomas, Principal Housemaster, Curtis House, Knolls Green, Knutsford, Cheshire. Telephone 061-602 3339

Application forms from the Personnel Section, Social Services Department, Town Hall Extension, Manchester. Tel 061-236 2868. Closing date March 8, 1985.

The City Council operates a Union Membership agreement under which a new employee is required to become a member of a recognised Union.
An Equal Opportunities Employer

YOUTH and PLAY WORKER
THE WATER ADVENTURE CENTRE

A water based play and youth project seeks a male Youth and Play Worker. Youth work experience, confidence in swimming, enthusiasm and a committed approach to working with boys are essential qualifications.
Applicants from all racial groups are invited to apply.
Salary £7,191 to £7,896.
Application forms from
THE WATER ADVENTURE CENTRE,
Off Maddison Road, Droylsden, Manchester 35.
Tel. 061-301 2673.
Closing date: March 22 1985.

ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

APPEALS ORGANISER, LONDON

The Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies and Young People needs an experienced Appeals Organiser to work within the London area to raise funds for the Sunshine Nurseries and Schools. Applicants must have a relevant personality, be able to communicate at all levels and have experience with committee work. Salary according to experience within the range £6,255 - £10,362 p.a. inclusive. London Weighting Subsidised lunchtime facilities.
Applications in writing giving full details to: Personnel Officer, RNIB, 224 Great Portland Street, London W1N 6AA.

COVENTRY (LANCHESTER) POLYTECHNIC

Faculty of Social Science and Public Policy

Department of Urban and Regional Planning

LECTURER II/ SENIOR LECTURER
£7 548-£12,099-£11,175-£14,061

The successful candidate will make a major contribution to the development and teaching of urban and regional economics for both undergraduate and postgraduate students and assist in the development of teaching and research in local economic development. Recent local government experience with professional qualifications or research experience is required.

Closing date Friday, March 8, 1985.

Details from Personnel Officer, Coventry (Lanchester) Polytechnic, Priory Street, Coventry CV1 5FB. (Please enclose a large self addressed envelope). Tel Coventry 24166, ext. 392.

An Equal Opportunity Employer.

Islington Narrowboat Association
FULL-TIME SKIPPER

required for Islington community boat.

Good knowledge of canal boating and engine maintenance. Previous experience in community/youth work an asset. Salary scale 6, under review.

For details and application form Tel. C. Hale, on 01-226 4587 or write 76 Noel Road, London N1. Closing date February 27.

ARCHAEOLOGISTS
for Roman site in Prestatyn, North Wales

Site Supervisor, Finds Supervisor, Site Assistants, Education Officer and SMR Officer from April, 1985.

MSC funded: 6 months unemployment or 12 months if 25 or over.

Send C.V. to Clwyd/Powys Archaeological Trust, 7a Church Street, Welshpool, Powys. Tel. 0938 3678.

Leicestershire County Council
An Equal Opportunity Employer

CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

URBAN POLICIES UNIT

RESEARCH OFFICER
Salary: £9,477-£11,025 pa

The postholder's principal responsibility will be to set up a Leicestershire Urban Databank which will provide information about the incidence of deprivation in the County's urban areas and monitor the impact of policies and programmes. Duties will include identifying and computerising relevant data, assisting in its analysis and interpretation and preparing formal reports for Committee and for publication. Similar work arising from the Survey of Leicester, a recently completed project funded by the City and County Councils, will also be undertaken.

Applicants must possess a relevant degree or equivalent qualification e.g. Social Science, Public Administration, and have a knowledge of survey methods and statistics, including a statistical package, e.g. S.P.S.S. An understanding of deprivation and race related matters would be an advantage.

Relocation expenses up to £2,001 payable in approved circumstances.

Informal inquiries to Mr D. C. Smith, Principal Assistant (Urban Policies) ext. 555.

Application forms and further details obtainable from the Personnel Section, Chief Executive and County Clerk's Department, County Hall, Glenfield, Leics. LE3 8RA. Tel. (0533) 871313 ext. 7453. Closing date: March 8, 1985.

ASHFORD ACTION FOR THE SINGLE HOMELESS LTD

WARDEN

required to run an expanding project of, at present, four community houses for up to 20 single homeless people. The Warden would be responsible for general oversight and support of the residents. He/she should be over 25 years old. We regard common sense and enthusiasm as being prime qualifications for this difficult but rewarding job and we would offer support through members of the Management Committee.

The Warden would be offered rent-free use of small flat. Salary £7 896. Final date March 15.

The organisation is supported by Home Office funds, and the residents will be mostly ex-offenders.

Write for application form, Mrs M. Addison, 25 Hillcrest Road, Ashford, Kent.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT

to Chief Executive of busy Voluntary Youth Organisation. Good secretarial / administrative skills required.

Four days a week. Salary pro rata on scale £6,567 to £7,647 inclusive.

Closing date: March 1, 1985.

London Union of Youth Clubs,
64 Camberwell Road,
London SE5

Tel. 01-701 6366

L.U.Y.C. is an Equal Opportunities Employer

NORFOLK AUTISTIC COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSOCIATION

(a) SECOND DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
NJC GRADE 4, £8,262

(b) RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL WORKER
NJC GRADE 2, £6,249

(c) RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL WORKER
NJC GRADE 1, £5,238

The above members of staff (non-residential) are required for June, 1985 to assist the Principal and Deputy in establishing and running a community home for 10 young autistic adults in Dereham, Norfolk. This is a pioneering project which has been planned in close co-operation with Norfolk Social Services. Applicants should have experience of residential work with autistic, mentally handicapped, disordered people and must be prepared to understand and respond to the particular needs and problems of autistic people. Applicants for post (a) should hold a suitable qualification in social work or education and have proven administrative ability.

The posts entail a 39-hour week, are pensionable and conditions of service will be closely related to those of the NJC.

Further details and application form from the Secretary, NACHA, 30 Impala Close, Norwich, NR6 7PN, enclosing 38p stamp. Closing date for applications March 23, 1985.

Response Community Project
requires a

Finance Worker/ Fundraiser (part-time)
£9,780 p.a. (pro rata) AP5

Response is a community project in Earls Court. We urgently need a part-time finance worker/fundraiser both to raise funds to secure our long term future, and devise and implement an efficient accounting system.
The post is funded by the GLC until March 1986. For full details phone Caroline Waller or George Walker on 01-370 4606, or write to RESPONSE, 380 Old Brompton Road, London SW5.

WORK IN LEISURE

PGL offer opportunities to work with children or families for long or short periods as activity (outdoor), sports, creative) instructors, Group Leaders, or in a wide range of supporting domestic and administrative roles at residential activity centres.
Details and application form from Personnel
PGL Young Adventure
Ltd, 884 Station Street, Ross-on-Wye HR9 7AN
Jobs 18-30's Tel: (0989) 64211

A new and exciting opportunity for a

FARM CONSERVATION ADVISER

A group of farmers within a progressive co-operative seek the advice of a specialist whose wide responsibilities will range from woodland and habitat management to the development of timber markets and other sources of income, as well as the ecological effects of modern practice.
The post requires a relevant qualification and practical experience of advising farmers, together with the initiative and commercial dynamism necessary to develop and promote the project.
The salary envisaged is approximately £8,500, a vehicle will be provided and there is a pension scheme.
Please apply for further details and application form to
J. E. Paice,
United Framlingham Farmers Ltd.,
New Road, Framlingham,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.
Telephone: 0728 723688

LONDON TENANTS ORGANISATION

INFORMATION OFFICER

Required to develop and maintain an information service for tenants. Knowledge of housing issues and experience of working with tenants / community groups desirable.

Salary scale AP5 GLC funded

This post will be funded until 31 March 1985 in the first instance.

Application form and job description from: The Honorary Secretary, London Tenants Organisation, 17 Victoria Park Square, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PF. Tel. 01-981 1221.

BOROUGH OF MERTON
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NDUSTRIAL LIAISON OFFICER
p to £12,900 p.a. incl.)

ECHNICAL OFFICER
p to £9,771 p.a. incl.)

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Better Mental Health Services in Wandsworth

Deputy Officer-in-Charge
£9,510–£10,725 (ext. to £11,043 if qualified)
(Ref. G/775)

Westleigh Avenue, SW15, is a modern 16-place, purpose-built hostel designed and equipped to cater for the needs of people with a mental and physical disability. The hostel has built up a high reputation for quality of care and in providing residents with ordinary life opportunities to maximise their experiences and to gain a fuller integration within the community. Development is the key word and you will be expected to provide leadership in an effective and imaginative way to a team of 13 committed workers. You should have substantial experience of working with multiply handicapped people in a residential setting and should ideally hold the C.S.S. or C.O.S.W. qualification or similar. Accommodation is available if required. For informal discussion and to arrange a visit please contact Carol Britton, Officer in Charge. Tel. 01-785 6417.

Deputy Officer-in-Charge
£8,772–£9,510 (ext. to £10,068 if qualified)
(Ref. G/773)

Inner Park Road is one of Wandsworth's four residential houses for people recovering from mental illness. Situated in a pleasant residential area near Wimbledon Common, Inner Park — like the other hostels — offers a therapeutic community approach to mental health problems. The staff team is committed to work in ways which enhance the dignity and the independence of the twelve residents, most of whom move in time to their own council tenancies from the Mental Health Housing quota. The sharing of daily tasks and the use of the community as the agent of change and healing goes to make a dynamic and stimulating environment. All staff participate in the monthly mental health training day. Good supervision is a priority and you should be qualified (e.g. C.O.S.W., C.S.S.) and have substantial experience. The community will wish to meet you before interviews are arranged. For further information please ring Zophia Robinson, The Officer in Charge, telephone 01-789 7957 or Colin Meadows, Care Service Manager, telephone 01-871 6244.

Application forms for both posts from the Director of Social Services, Town Hall, London SW18 2PU. Tel. 01-871 6236. Quoting appropriate ref. Posts close 15th March.

Wandsworth
an equal opportunity employer

All applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the job irrespective of disablement, race, sex or marital status.

GLC
Working for London

Head & Deputy Head
Contracts Compliance Equal Opportunities Unit

The use of the Council's purchasing power with its suppliers to ensure equality of opportunity for women, ethnic minorities and people with disabilities within their organisations represents one of the most positive interventionist aspects of our equal opportunities policy.

We are now looking for two people committed to these aims and familiar with equal opportunities legislation and practice to lead this initiative.

The Unit Head is responsible for directing, co-ordinating and overseeing the Unit's policy work and its day to day operation, maintaining close liaison with Members and other areas of the Council.

Salary: £20,349–£21,933 inclusive. Ref: 5433.

The Deputy Head not only carries a personal caseload, but is responsible for managing Central Administration and the Resources Section, which programmes the Unit's publicity, advises and assists suppliers in developing their policies and training, and collects information on companies and sectors as a basis for strategy development.

Salary: £16,629–£18,489 inclusive. Ref: 5434.

Both posts demand a unique blend of skills and experience of translating policy objectives into positive practical action, together with familiarity with relevant equal opportunities legislation and practices. The proven ability to manage and motivate staff, together with an understanding of their development needs, is essential and for the Head this management experience should have been gained at a senior level. Good communications and negotiating skills and the ability to work under pressure are also needed.

Strategy Executive
Cultural Industries Unit

The Council has established the Unit in conjunction with the Greater London Enterprise Board, to regenerate London's independent cultural industries and provide investment in press, publishing, music, film and video enterprises.

This post involves developing proposals for investment in these industries and to expand employment and promote democratic structures within them, as well as contributing to the development of general industrial policy.

A wide knowledge of the cultural industries sector is required, coupled with a capacity to think strategically and present complex issues effectively.

Proven ability to work with groups having wide ranging and often conflicting interests, is essential.

Salary: £14,781–£16,545 inclusive. Ref: 5435.

Research Officer
Employment Welfare Unit

This Unit is currently involved in a major research project into poverty and inequality in the London labour market, under the direction of Professor Peter Townsend of Bristol University.

This is an opportunity for a person with sound social survey experience to work with Professor Townsend assisting with surveys of households and employments and on the analysis of changes in the labour market and working conditions.

Some management experience and a good knowledge of labour market issues are called for, together with the ability to communicate research findings to a wide variety of audiences.

Salary: £14,781–£16,545 inclusive. Ref: 5436.

Urban Programme Liaison Officer

To assist in the preparation, submission and monitoring of the Council's Urban Programme in the Hackney Partnership, providing a key link between the GLC and other Partner agencies on projects and inner city policies. The post is based at Hackney Town Hall for four days a week and one day a week at County Hall.

An interest in inner city issues is vital, backed by a knowledge of local authority procedures. Applicants should be effective communicators, capable of establishing a wide range of contacts within the Council, the London Borough of Hackney, the voluntary sector and central government.

Salary: £11,325–£13,065 inclusive. Ref: 5358.

Information Centre Manager
Police Committee Support Unit

The Unit's Information Centre is responsible for disseminating public information on policing in London. Its diverse activities cover distribution of publications and preparation of exhibitions.

This post oversees all aspects of the Centre's day-to-day work, including financial and administrative functions, and advises the Support Unit on appropriate distribution techniques. Developing the use of videos is an important area of involvement.

Organisational and staff management skills are needed, backed by some financial experience, record keeping and computerised information retrieval. Applicants must be first-rate communicators, capable of liaising effectively at all levels.

Salary: £9,255–£11,325 inclusive. Ref: 5386.

The Women's Committee
A Voice for Women in London

The Resourcing Women Team develops policy and strategies to assist in providing services for women in London, including advice and resource centres, counselling support and technical services. We wish to recruit people with an understanding of women's issues and a commitment to the Unit's aims.

Grants Officers

These posts assist in all stages of the grant aid application process i.e. drafting detailed reports to Committee, visiting/assessing applicant organisations, answering enquiries and liaising with Borough Councils, GLC departments and voluntary bodies.

First class organisational, drafting and communication skills are called for, with the capacity to work under pressure and deal with a wide range of people tactfully and effectively. This should be backed by a knowledge of the voluntary sector and local government, or equivalent, experience. The posts require an understanding of the complex issues of racism, including the special needs of ethnic minority women, together with an awareness of all aspects of disability, heterosexism, and ageism.

Salary: £9,255–£11,325 inclusive. Ref: 5359.

LONDON AGAINST RACISM

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

For an application form, to be returned by 8th March 1985, write to: GLC Director-General's Department, Room 203, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 1527/2390. Please quote appropriate reference.

These posts are suitable for job sharing

HOSPITAL SOCIAL WORK SERVICE

Qualified Social Workers
(4 Posts)

Salary: £8,004–£9,477 by assessment to £9,114–£10,716

Withington Hospital, Nell Lane, Manchester 20

1. **MEDICAL TEAM** — Social Worker to join a team covering the fast turnover of work on this medical teaching unit. Longer term bereavement work and support to people with degenerative conditions.
2. **SURGICAL TEAM** — A team of five provide social work to the general surgical patients, casualty cover, the Regional Burns and Plastics Unit and specialists services associated with the Professorial Teaching Unit.
3. **MATERNITY** — A full-time post responding to the social needs of pregnant mothers; including finance, housing, family relationships and support, identifying children at risk.
4. **PAEDIATRICS** — A part-time post attached to the Maternity Team but based at the Duchess of York Hospital. The social worker will be involved with the problems of sick and handicapped children.

For more details and informal discussion telephone: **Mrs Hilary Simon, District Co-ordinator of Social Work. Direct line: 061-447 3939.**
Application forms from the Personnel Section, PO Box 536, Town Hall Extension, Manchester. Tel. 061-234 3867/3868. Closing date 8 March, 1985.

The City Council operates a Union Membership agreement under which a new employee is required to become a member of a recognised Union.

MANCHESTER
City Council

Manchester City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and we positively welcome applications from women and men, regardless of their racial, ethnic or national origin, disability, age, sexuality, or responsibilities for dependants.

SERC initiative in engineering design education

ENGINEERING DESIGN COORDINATOR
£17,529–£25,617

The Science and Engineering Research Council and The Design Council are seeking an Engineering Design Coordinator. He or she will be responsible for encouraging the implementation of the recommendations of the Engineering Design Working Party report to the Engineering Board of the SERC (the Lickley Report), which are aimed fundamentally at establishing design as the integrating theme of engineering disciplines at universities and polytechnics.

Applicants should have a high reputation and record of substantial achievement in advanced engineering design and a close knowledge of engineering education at postgraduate level. They should have a relevent degree and/or professional qualification, be capable of communicating effectively with educationalists and industrialists at senior level, and have good administrative ability.

The Engineering Design Coordinator will be employed by The Design Council in the salary range £17,529–£25,617. There is a non-contributory index-linked pension scheme. The appointment is offered for an initial period of three years but may be extended.

For further details and an application form please contact: Miss Prue Beard, Personnel Manager, The Design Council, 28 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4SU. Telephone 01-839 8000 ext 39

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THE DESIGN COUNCIL

WOLVERHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES
£18,006–£20,058

In response to the changing needs of its modern, multi-cultural, urban community, Wolverhampton Borough Council wishes to promote a more co-ordinated approach to the future provision of leisure services within the town. To ensure the drawing together of the Council's existing efforts and the development and implementation of a single corporate strategy for leisure services it is planned to create a new Directorate.

Applications are sought from men and women with the necessary flair, imagination and management skills to take up the new post of Director and assist in the process of establishing both the department and the appropriate response to the Council's policy initiative.

The Director will be the authority's Head Officer for all recreation and community matters including sports provision, parks, play activities, the performing arts and cultural services. These activities are currently provided by other departments. It is intended that some will be immediately regrouped to form the new Directorate, others will remain organisationally separate but accountable to the Director for their contribution to the Council's strategy.

The Director will also be responsible for liaison with the wide range of independent organisations who contribute to the rich sporting cultural and community life of Wolverhampton.

Applicants with relevant experience are particularly welcome but emphasis will be given to vision and understanding of the leisure needs of a large urban area.

Application forms and further details from the Controller of personnel and Management Services, Civic Centre, St. Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1RG. Telephone Wolverhampton 27811, ext. 2106. Closing date 15th March 1985.

Wolverhampton Council welcomes applications from all sections of the community irrespective of an individuals sex, ethnic origin or colour and from people with disabilities who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

WOLVERHAMPTON centre of progress

GRIMSBY HEALTH AUTHORITY
DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL

Unit Personnel Officer
(Scale 9 £8,744 to £10,739)

This post offers an opportunity for a skilled and enthusiastic Personnel Officer to take charge of a Unit Personnel Department which provides a comprehensive day-to-day personnel service to all units in the District, including nursing staff (over 2,500 staff).

The successful applicant will be on the staff of the Unit Administrator at the District General Hospital, the major unit in the District. He or she will work closely with the small administrative team at the DGH. The post offers excellent experience for a personnel officer, preferably holding or studying for a professional qualification, who wishes to pursue a career at senior level. Further education, training, and involvement in professional activities are encouraged.

(Removal expenses are payable to applicants currently in the public service.)

Job Description and Application Forms from UNIT PERSONNEL OFFICER, District General Hospital, Grimsby, South Humberside DN33 2BA. Closing date March 6, 1985.

COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Following restructuring, applications are invited for:

East Sussex

POLICY DIVISION

Demographer / Analyst
Salary £9,477–£11,025

A demographer with systematic and synoptic approach to demographic studies and policy.

Assistant Planner (Economy)
Salary £8,532–£9,114

An economist with an analytical and creative approach to planning issues.
Contact Mike Brian on (0273) 475400, ext. 799.

IMPLEMENTATION DIVISION

Assistant Planner (Development)
Salary £8,532–£9,114

Planner to advise on development proposals. Waste disposal experience would be an advantage.
Contact Mick Stephan on (0273) 475400, ext. 686.

Details and application forms from the County Planning Officer, Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1YA. To be returned by March 15.

TEAM MANAGER
Adult Services Team, Swindon
£11,562–£12,645 pa

Social Work in Swindon is split between specialist teams dealing with children and families/elderly, mentally ill and handicapped adult clients. We are looking for a person with proven management skills and considerable professional experience in the provision of community social work, to lead the Adult Services Team.

The task is to manage a team of qualified and highly motivated workers who are already achieving innovative service provision in many areas of work. Emphasis is placed on close co-operation with voluntary and other agencies through which several initiatives in caring for the elderly have developed. This key appointment is likely to be of interest to qualified social workers who can demonstrate drive and imagination in furthering our community care services.

Applicants must be car drivers and an essential user allowance is payable. Disturbance allowance up to £1,100 plus actual cost of removal payable in appropriate cases.

To discuss the post further, contact the present Team Manager, Bob Cameron or Assistant Area Director (Adults), Christopher Chorley on Swindon 31131.

Application forms and details available from Social Services, County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8LE. Tel.: Trowbridge 3641, extension 2972. Returnable by March 6, 1985. Quoting reference 85.68.

Wiltshire

OUTSET OFFICE SERVICES
REQUIRE

PLACEMENT OFFICER and OFFICE SUPERVISOR

OUTSET OFFICE SERVICES is setting up two three year projects to provide more rewarding employment and training opportunities for disabled people.
The Islington Project is looking for a disabled person to act as an OFFICE SUPERVISOR. The person appointed will assist the Manager in the day-to-day running and organisation of a computerised office offering employment to handicapped people. Good general experience of office administration is required rather than specific technology skills as full training will be given. Salary: £9,087 inc L/W.

The Hammersmith & Fulham Project require a PLACEMENT OFFICER to join a small team training disabled people in information technology. Responsibilities include establishing contact with local employers to obtain jobs for trainees and publicising the project locally. Knowledge of micro-computers, though not essential, would be an advantage as some vocational guidance will be involved.
Salary: £9,345 inc L/W (under review).
Interested? Contact:

Maria Ball,
Employment Development Officer
OUTSET
92-94 Tooley Street,
London SE1 2TH.
Tel: 378 6921

Camberwell
HEALTH AUTHORITY · LONDON

Development Worker — Ethnic Minorities
Salary Circa £11,000 negotiable

Camberwell Health Authority provides health services to a population which comprises a number of ethnic minorities.

You will assist the Authority to improve its services to recognise the needs of its multi-racial population. This is an exciting innovation and the post will provide stimulation and challenge.

The post is funded for two years initially.

You should have an understanding of the cultures and traditions of various ethnic groups in Camberwell and will probably have experience in community relations, social services, voluntary organisations or social science research.

Informal enquiries to Susan Williams, Unit Administrator, (Community/Dental Services) on 01-274 6222, Ext. 2592.

For job description and application form contact: Unit Personnel Department, King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 9RS or telephone 01-274 6222, Ext. 2254/2751 quoting Ref. No. B/1234/G.

Closing date: 8th March, 1985.

MIND
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH

INFORMATION OFFICER
—Part-time (3 day / 21-hour week)
Salary pro-rata £6,016 to £7,519 p.a.

A part-time Information Officer is required to become an integral part of MIND's regional team based in Sheffield to help develop an improved information function within the Trent / Yorkshire region.
The postholder will help to develop an efficient retrieval system and needs ability to search out, analyse and organise information. Limited advice function to consumers and professionals is also required.

WEST YORKSHIRE
PART-TIME

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
—TRENT AND YORKSHIRE MIND
Salary pro-rata £6,851-£9,036 p.a. (20-hour week) plus Essential Car User Allowance

Do you want to help MIND improve mental health in West Yorkshire? You could do by joining an enthusiastic MIND team based in Sheffield but outposted to the Leeds Office serving West Yorkshire Metropolitan County area. Your major task would be to support and develop MIND's local groups which campaign for better services for the mentally ill and provide social clubs, day centres and accommodation.
You will need to be diplomatic, adaptable, resourceful, energetic and able to relate easily to a wide variety of people. Some evening and week-end work and travel throughout West Yorkshire.
BOTH POSTS
Generous holidays. LVs.
MIND has an interest in representing ALL mentally ill people and consequently seeks positively to encourage applicants equally regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, age or disability.
Further information, Job description and application form from: John Williams, Director, Trent & Yorkshire MIND, The White Building, Fitzalan Square, Sheffield S1 2AY.
Closing date for receipt of completed applications: 8th March 1985.

West Lancashire
HEALTH AUTHORITY

District General Manager

Applications are invited for the new post of District General Manager, who will be responsible to the Authority for the provision of Health Care to a population of 120,000.

Applicants, male/female, must have strong leadership qualities and the skills necessary to effect changes in a multi-professional situation. The appointment will be for a fixed term period of three years. The salary will be negotiable.

An application form and information package may be obtained from: Revd. Canon W H Bullough, Chairman, West Lancashire Health Authority, Blairgowrie, Ruff Lane, ORMSKIRK, Lancashire, L39 2AZ. Or by telephoning the Chairman's Office — Telephone No: (0695) 75471 Ext: 289.
Completed application form to be returned by 8th March 1985.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS
The Consortium on Opportunities for Volunteering
wishes to appoint a part-time

SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

to assist the Co-ordinator with the administration of the DHSS sponsored General fund which is managed by a consortium of seven national voluntary organisations.

The post involves advising groups on the Fund, processing applications and specific responsibility for the administrative procedures associated with the grants programme. The post holder will also be required to deputise for the Co-ordinator in her absence. The Consortium is looking for somebody with good administrative skills, including a high degree of numeracy, a knowledge of the voluntary sector and an ability to liaise diplomatically between organisations.
The project is funded until March, 1988, initially.
Salary scale: £4,247–£5,365 + £650 London Weighting per annum for 17½ hour week.

Write to the Personnel Officer, NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU, for further details. Closing date for completed applications: March 8, 1985.
NCVO is an equal opportunities employer.

CO-ORDINATOR
WANDSWORTH YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

is an organisation providing advice, information and financial support to groups of unemployed young people investigating alternatives to unemployment.

We need a Co-Ordinator to administer and facilitate the work.

This is a new single worker post funded by Wandsworth Council. We welcome applicants regardless of race, sex or disability, plus job sharers. Salary: circa £9,700 p.a.

Apply to: W.Y.D., 57 Ellerton Road, London SW18 3NP. Telephone: 01-874 9684.

National Council of Y.M.C.As.
SCHOOLS LINK PROGRAMME

DO YOU FIT THIS DESCRIPTION? . . .

We are looking for two people (men or women) to join our team of SCHOOLS LINK OFFICERS working in secondary schools in London and the Home Counties.

You need to be enthusiastic energetic and hardworking. This is no 9-5 job! You also need to be committed to the YMCA's aim of encouraging young people to develop themselves to their full potential. You must be dedicated to the need to provide better facilities and opportunities for young people in this country and overseas.

In return, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that your hard work is for a good cause.

The work involves speaking to thousands of young people each year in schools encouraging them to make the most of their lives, organising fund-raising events in which they may participate to enable the YMCA to expand its important work and promoting the resources and facilities available to schools from the YMCA. You will also be involved in our new DRUGS EDUCATION PROGRAMME. By showing our own film in schools, and involving the youngsters in discussions, we hope to be able to make a positive impact upon this terrible problem.

You need to be between 23 and 30 years old, have at least two years' working experience and a full driving licence. You may come from any background (our present officers include an actuary, a research worker and a health shop manager!) If it is your interest and commitment we are looking for.

The salary is competitive — with annual incremental and cost of living increases and London Weighting where applicable. A car is provided.

Does this sound like you? . . . then write or phone for an application form to: Valerie Morton, Schools Link Co-ordinator, National Council of YMCAs, 640 Forest Road, London E17 3DZ. Tel 01-520 5599.

-COF-
COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS FORUM

COMMUNITY ACCOUNTANT
(Part-time)

New post created by COF to assist community groups in Tower Hamlets with their financial work.
Applicant will join existing team of 5 part-time workers. Ability to work with community groups and good communication skills vital. Experience in bookkeeping and systems essential — accountancy and computer skills an advantage.
Hours: 21 per week. Salary. SO2 pro rata (£6,891 incl London weighting).
Details and application form from COF, 192 Hanbury St, London E1. Tel 01-247 2323. Closing date: Monday, 18th March, 1985.
COF is an Equal Opportunities Employer

RELEASE

Release is an agency giving advice and information on all aspects of drugs and the criminal law.
We are looking for **TWO LEGAL WORKERS** who should be:
1. Experienced in giving practical criminal legal advice.
2. Preferably experienced in working in the voluntary sector.
Some experience of collective working would be an advantage.
Salary £8,444 (presently under review) for a four day week.
Good Holidays.
Closing date: March 5, 1985.
Please telephone or write for an application form to: Release, 1 Elgin Avenue, London W9. Tel.: 01-289 1123.

DAY CENTRE ORGANISER (FEMALE)

Brighton Housing Trust wish to appoint a woman who will be jointly responsible for the running of First Base — a Day Centre which meets the needs of single people who are homeless or inadequately housed.
As well as ensuring the efficient running of the Centre the Organiser will be responsible for advice and counselling and the development of group work.
Relevant experience desirable especially in the area of mental health.
Salary: £5922 — £6420 (Reviewed if Urban Aid successful.)
Job description and application forms from: The Director, Brighton Housing Trust, 10 Distillery Mews, Brighton BN1 4GL. Closing date 8th March, 1985.

ORGANISER : EXETER CAB
£7,512–£9,102

Someone with advice work experience and organisational ability is needed to take over management of this busy city bureau.
Good communication, flexibility, administrative skills and a willingness to work under stress are essential.

Application forms from: Barry Williams, Citizens Advice Bureau, Wynards, Magdalen Street, Exeter.
Tel.: Exeter 38685.
Closing date: March 8, 1985.

Citizens Advice Bureau

General Manager

Haringey Health Authority covers the geographical area of the London Borough of Haringey, with an estimated resident population of approximately 207,000. Hospital services are provided through three hospitals, including the North Middlesex Hospital, and the District, with a revenue budget for 1984/5 of £36 million, employs approximately 3,600 staff.

The Authority has embarked upon an ambitious programme to move resources into the priority care areas, especially into mental health, and services for the elderly, this, in the face of declining resources. This will be a major task for the General Manager, who will be directly and personally accountable to the District Health Authority, and who will lead the management team in the identification and achievement of objectives, planning health care services and for their effective implementation. You will need considerable experience of, and success in, managing a large-scale organisation, and qualities of leadership are fundamental.

The appointment will be for an initial fixed-term period of 3 years, renewable. Remuneration will be by negotiation.

Further information, application form and job description for this post may be obtained from, and should be returned to: Mr L. A. Bains, CBE, DL, Chairman, Haringey Health Authority, Mountford House, The Green, London, N15. Telephone: 01-808 1081 ext 105 (Miss Jean Smith).
Closing date for application forms: 6th March 1985.

Haringey HEALTH AUTHORITY

Community Technical Services Agency (COMTECHSA) Limited

ASSISTANT PROJECT LEADER

Salary Range £10,716 - £11,562

COMTECHSA is a non-profit-making co-operative which provides technical services to voluntary and community organisations in Liverpool. It is managed by elected representatives from the groups which it serves.

We are seeking a person who is a qualified and experienced Architect and/or Building Surveyor. The successful applicant will have a minimum of 5 years post qualification experience and a commitment to working with community organisations is essential.

For further details contact Maureen Bell 051-227 2204.

Closing date for applications 18 March, 1985.

FABIAN SOCIETY
GENERAL SECRETARY

Applications are invited for the above post. Salary £12,500 — £15,000 pa.

Full details plus application form from:
Fabian Society,
11 Dartmouth Street, London SW1H 9BN.
Tel: 01-222 8877
Closing date 8 March.

COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL

Ethnic Minority Development Unit —

Part-Time Research/ Information Officer

(25 Hrs) Pro rata £8532 - £9114

An enthusiastic and committed Social Science graduate with 18 months - 2 years research experience is required for the Ethnic Minority Development Unit. To assist with data collection and analysis, providing support work in the preparation of reports and to promote departmental services to the ethnic minority communities, departmental staff, other City Council departments and other agencies concerned with ethnic minority groups.

For informal enquiries please contact Lilleth Grant — Development Officer on Coventry (0203) 27505/25853.

Application forms and further particulars from Director of Social Services, Room 29, New Council Offices, Little Park Street, Coventry. Telephone: 25555, Ext. 2644.
Closing date: 1st March 1985.

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UJIMA HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Runs a programme of temporary and permanent housing for young black people in various inner city areas of London.
The following vacancies are now available:

AREA MANAGER
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Scale SO1 £10,668 including Inner London Weighting

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(Haringey)
Re-Advertisement
Scale SO1 £10,104 including Outer London Weighting.

Area Managers are responsible for the running of all Ujima's housing and special projects in the area, including projects for single parents and unemployed young people.

SENIOR SINGLE PARENTS PROJECT WORKER
(Islington)
Scale 6 £9,723 including Inner London Weighting.

Responsible for running a single parents project based in Lennox Road, N4.

RENT CLERK/ARREARS CONTROL OFFICER
Salary c.£8,000 per annum

For job description and application forms, please contact: Ujima Housing Association Limited, Head Office, 412/419 Harrow Road, London W9. Telephone 01-960 5141 or 01-969 9690 (4 lines)
Closing date for all applications 16/3/85.

The Ramblers' Association (Scotland)
Invites applications for the new post of

OFFICER FOR SCOTLAND
(Salary £8,500)

The officer's duties will include: advising and servicing the association's Scottish Council, increasing the association's membership in Scotland; and working to strengthen walkers' rights in Scotland.

For further details write to: The Secretary, The Ramblers' Association, 1 Wandsworth Road, London SW8 2LJ.

COMMUNITY WORK

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER
Scale 6/SO1 £8,532 to £10,107 per annum

Applications are invited from appropriately experienced persons who are interested in promoting Community Relations within the Borough. The Officer appointed will be a full-time employee of the Council and will work with a small team from the Council's Family and Community Advice Centre in Old Trafford.

Assistance will be given with temporary accommodation and furniture removal in approved cases.

Application forms and further information from and returnable to the Town Clerk, telephone 061-872 2101, ext 4211. Closing date March 8, 1985.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SCHEME CO-ORDINATOR

This new post is required to promote community care initiatives in relation to elderly mentally frail people and their careers in the Preston area.

The major emphasis of the work will be developing and co-ordinating appropriate services to meet the needs of mentally frail elderly people, especially people discharged from either short term or hospital day care.

The Co-ordinator will be directly responsible for the management of the Home Based Support Scheme Organiser, and must be capable of working closely with health and social services personnel.

Formal qualifications are not essential but experience or understanding of mental health issues is vital, and a knowledge of Community Work Skills is desirable. Salary circa £7,856 per annum. Driving licence essential.

For Job Description telephone Personnel Department, Preston (0772) 55079. Please reply by letter directly to Joan Roscow, Chief Executive, Age Concern, Preston, Central Admin. 22 Grimshaw Street, Preston. Please mark letter Private and Confidential, enclosing a comprehensive CV. Closing date for above post March 7, 1985.

YOUTH SERVICES

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

WELLS YOUTH TRAINING WORKSHOP

Basic skills training provided for up to 50 young people in Catering, Carpentry, Metalworking, Upholstery, Office Practices, Fashion and Home Furnishing and Bicycle Repair.

We now seek to recruit a

TRAINING OFFICER
SCALE 6. £9,780 — £10,362 p.a. inc.

To assist the Workshop Management Team in planning, organising and assessing all aspects of training for scheme staff and trainees including induction, life skills, vocational day release, residential courses plus advising trade skill Supervisors on the presentation of practical training. Practical experience in one or more of the craft skill areas in the workshop, together with either one year's experience of training in practical skills, or attendance at relevant training courses is essential.

Candidates should have a knowledge of Health & Safety at work regulations and be able to deal with young people who may be handicapped, have learning difficulties, or behavioural problems. Knowledge of MSC schemes, particularly Y.T.S. is desirable.

Application forms and job descriptions are available from Borough Employment Officer, 49 Old Street, London EC1V 9EX. Tel 253 8914. Closing date: March 8, 1985.

Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of race, sex and sexuality and we have a positive attitude towards the employment of disabled people.

"ISLINGTON CARES — CARE FOR ISLINGTON."

MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health Unit
REHABILITATION CO-ORDINATOR
Salary scale: £8,744-£10,739

A person with a sound knowledge of mental health services is required for the challenging post of Rehabilitation Co-ordinator. This is a key appointment in the strategy to promote the discharge of long-stay psychiatric patients from Prestwich Hospital. Through participation in an established multi-disciplinary team service, the post holder will be expected to establish effective liaison arrangements with the professional staff and senior officers of many health districts and other agencies responsible for the after-care of the long-stay population. Central responsibilities of the post include the promotion of good practices and the development of effective inter-agency collaboration. The post offers excellent experience in the planning and implementation of a major change in mental health services.

Application forms and job descriptions are available from:

The Personnel Department, PRESTWICH HOSPITAL, Bury New Road, Prestwich, Manchester M25 7BL. Tel. 061-773 9121, ext. 134.

Closing date for receipt of completed applications: March 8, 1985.

BASILDON & THURROCK HEALTH AUTHORITY
MENTAL HANDICAP UNIT

PLANNING CO-ORDINATOR
Scale 2 £8,744-£10,739 plus £149 Fringe London Weighting

Required to undertake the key role of assisting in the implementation of the Health Authority's Strategic Plan which aims to completely replace the institutional services currently provided at South Ockendon Hospital with a range of community based homes and facilities by 1993.

Achievement of this objective requires close liaison and a timely co-ordinated planning effort involving several D.H.A.'s, L.A.'s and the RHA and this post has been created to provide specific assistance to this effort to the Unit Managers. Funding has been allocated from Joint Finance for an anticipated duration of three to five years.

Applicants should be of graduate calibre, have a commitment to and an understanding of the concept of community care, and preferably have some experience in priority service planning.

The Unit Administrator, Jock Watt, may be contacted for informal discussion on 0708 851468.

Application forms and job description from Unit Personnel Officer, South Ockendon Hospital, South Road, South Ockendon, Essex RM15 5ER. Tel.: 0708 852355, ext 44. Closing date February 26, 1985.

Merseyside Youth Association Ltd
HESWALL RESIDENTIAL CENTRE

MANAGER
Salary — J.N.C. IV

The Association is looking to appoint a well qualified and experienced youth worker to fill recently modernised Centre in the Wirral.

The person appointed will be expected to develop the potential of the site and encourage a varied use of the Centre by youths from all parts of the country.

Further details and job description from the Chief Executive, Merseyside Youth Association Limited, 88 Shell Road, Liverpool L6 3AF
Closing date: March 11, 1985
Please enclose SAE

FULL-TIME YOUTH WORKER
required
at the Urban Aid Funded
CHEETHAM ASIAN GIRLS PROJECT
in North Manchester.

Qualifications and experience desirable but not essential.

Details/Application: telephone 061 205 9124-10 am to 12 pm.
Closing date: March 4, 1985.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

THE CHARTERED SOCIETY OF PHYSIOTHERAPY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Applications are invited for this new post, providing administrative support to the Society's Secretary over the whole range of his responsibilities. The society is the professional and educational body representing 22,000 chartered physiotherapists in the UK and is also an independent trade union. It maintains contact with government departments, health authorities and a wide range of professional, educational and other bodies.

Good administrative and organising skills are essential, as is the ability to communicate effectively. Duties include support for Council and for some standing committees and working parties, involving the preparation of reports and minutes and action on decisions. The ability to learn quickly and to work to high standards is essential. Previous experience in this type of work is preferred and a relevant qualification or degree would be an advantage. Tact, discretion and a sense of humour are important.

Salary within the range £11,945 to £14,267, including London Weighting Allowance (to be reviewed from 1st April). Applicants with drive, enthusiasm and the necessary skills should apply for further written details and an application form to the **Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, 14 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4ED, telephone 01-242 1941, ext 214.**

AGE CONCERN ENGLAND

FIELDWORK ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

AGE CONCERN ENGLAND requires a Fieldwork Administrative Officer to carry out a wide range of administrative and organisational tasks in the Fieldwork Department of this major charity. This is a demanding job, supporting 16 regionally-based Field Officers throughout England and will involve the preparation of regular mailings, organising meetings and liaison work inside and outside the organisation.

The post is based at Age Concern's headquarters in Mitcham.

Salary currently in range £7,662-£9,065 inclusive of London Weighting with increase pending from 1st April, 1985. Contributory pension scheme. Four weeks' annual leave plus five recess days.

Further details from Secretary to Head of Personnel, Age Concern England, 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3LL. Tel 01-640 5431.

Closing date: 8th March, 1985.

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS U.S.A.

Appalachian Regional Hospitals, Inc. a non-profit health care system which owns and operates ten (10) hospitals and several ambulatory clinics in eastern Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia is seeking to recruit and employ several Physiotherapists (physical therapists). Applicants must meet the credentialling requirements from the respective State Boards of Physical Therapy and be willing to commit to a two (2) year employment assignment. ARH will sponsor your application through the immigration process. Excellent salaries and fringe benefits. Representatives will be visiting London, Manchester and Edinburgh to talk to interested applicants in May, 1985. Send resume or letter of interest to:

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL HOSPITALS
Attn: GARY J. SMOCK
P.O. Box 8086
Lexington, Kentucky 40533
1-606-255-4431
An Equal Opportunity Employer

TECHNOLOGY–ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICES

Residential Services Officer
£10,716 – £11,562

As a result of internal promotion we are looking for someone to work as a member of a team of five Residential Services Officers who between them have management responsibility for 45 residential and day care establishments. Responsibilities include the monitoring of standards of care, participating in client reviews, selection of, and professional support to staff.

Based in headquarters, the postholder will also be expected to work closely with one of the Division's four fieldwork teams.

A social work qualification and at least five years appropriate post qualification experience is required.

Residential Services Officer
(Part Time 18½ hours)
Registered Homes Act 1984
£10,716 – £11,562 pro rata

About 35 homes are currently registered with new registrations occurring at about six per year.

This new post has been created to undertake the duties of registration and inspection arising from the 1984 Act.

Based in headquarters as part of the team of Residential Services Officers, the postholder will also need to work outside normal office hours at times.

A social work qualification and relevant post qualification experience is required.

For an informal discussion on either post telephone Mike Jobbins, Principal Officer on 061-480 4949 ext. 4608, or send an S.A.E. to the Personnel Section, Social Services, Metropolitan Borough of Stockport, Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE. Closing date: 4th March 1985.

STOCKPORT
An Equal Opportunities Employer

BRITISH AGENCIES FOR ADOPTION AND FOSTERING

MEDICAL GROUP SECRETARY (Part-time)

Influential children's charity requires part-time (17½ hours per week) professional to act as Secretary to its specialist medical groups. Experience of multi-disciplinary work with doctors, lawyers and social workers an advantage. Interest in promoting good medical practice for children in care and their families is essential.

Salary on NJC Scale PO2 (£6,253–£6,745 including London Weighting).

Job description and application form available from Finance and Administration Officer, BAAF, 11 Southwark Street, London SE1 1RQ, or telephone 01-407 8800.

Closing date for applications Monday 4th March 1985.

To book your advertisement
telephone 01-278 2332
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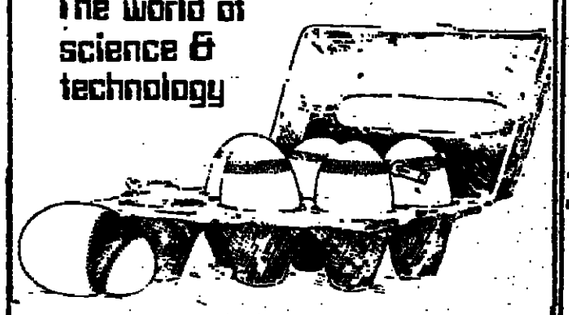
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THE waters that have closed over the General Belgrano do not grow any less muddy. Regard Mr Heseltine's explanation of why he did not appear as a witness during the trial of Mr Ponting: "If it had been considered necessary or desirable by those conducting the case to have called me to the court I should, of course, have been prepared to go. They did not ask me to go or consult me about whether they should ask me to go, and I was not called."

Compare and contrast with the prosecuting counsel, Mr Roy Amlott, who was overheard apologising to Mr Ponting's lawyers on the first day of the trial for the fact that neither Mr Heseltine nor Mr John Stanley would be appearing as witnesses: "I'm afraid we could not persuade them to appear."

ONE of the first teachers to be taking strike action next week will be Mrs Gladys Kinnock, whose school, Wykeham Junior School in Neasden, is in Brent — one of the areas targeted for action by the NUT next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

TWO young black youths were each awarded £150 by Westminster County Court on Monday for being turfed out of the Barbican Centre by a security guard who told them he had instructions to ask groups of black youths — er, groups of youths — to leave the Centre. Thus ends happily a case first reported in this column two years ago.

The Barbican Administrator, Mr Henry Wrong, shrugged off the charges then. "Absurd . . . stupid . . . someone's trying to take you for a ride." He made threats of legal action if we printed the story. By the time the case came to court, the City of London Corporation were taking things slightly more seriously and offered the youths £300 each to drop the case — but only on the specific understanding that they told no newspapers or public bodies about the case. The youths rejected the offer.

Two security guards were involved, but only one gave evidence. The other had since emigrated — to South Africa.

THE Mirror building has four lifts in its Maxwellised front hall—three big ones for the two or three thousand employees and one (with its own key) for Mr Maxwell and other big cheeses. Mr Maxwell has now commandeered one of the big lifts for big cheese use and slapped a lock on it so that his employees now only have two lifts between them. It is said Mr Maxwell complained that the big cheese lift was too small for him. It was built for four.

THE editor of the Sun, Mr Kelvin Mackenzie, has penned a most elegant response to a complaint about page three girls from the NUS external officer, Cathy Ley. He describes NUS members as "pin heads" and continues: "We only ever receive letters about Page Three from two sources. Once (sic) comes from blockheads like yourself and the other comes from mothers wishing to see their daughters appear on Page Three. You say that until there is a change in our editorial policy you shall not stock The Sun. In that case it is going to be a bloody long wait."

WHAT accounts for Mr Enoch Powell's twin interests in race and human embryos? Mr Leo Abse (Labour, Torfaen) has offered his own Freudian analysis: "His interest is founded on his prurient curiosity about (blacks') sexual habits . . . men who are not confident in their sexuality fear in vitro fertilisation. If there were fewer eunuchs in the country there would be fewer Enochs in the House." The two men, it should be said, are not the closest of friends. Indeed, Mr Abse has refused to speak to Mr Powell since his "Rivers of Blood" speech in April 1968.

MR Norman Hogg, who has recently taken over as Labour's Deputy Chief Whip from Mr Walter Harrison, finds himself contemplating stern action against those of his flock who abstained on the main Belgrano debate motion on Monday night. What, in particular, should he do about the abstaining Mr Walter Harrison? Mr Hogg is thinking of writing to Mr Harrison asking him how, with the benefit of 13 years in the Whips office, he would advise dealing with such recalcitrant behaviour. Mr Harrison's chosen method always used to be a firm boot in the seat of the pants, but we shall see.

Alan Rusbridger



Lawson and Thatcher: last chance to strike a radical blow

The Thermidor of Thatcherism



Peter Jenkins

EVENTS can get in the way of what is really going on. For a week the headlines have been dominated by the Ponting Affair which signifies little of lasting importance and, we may be sure, has fascinated the participants in the political game, including the media, a good deal more than it has the spectators. Similarly the last moves in the end-game of the coal dispute has obscured the fact that the strike, which has dominated the political scene for a year, is effectively over. Both sets of happenings have distracted attention from the approach of what may be the Thermidor of Thatcherism.

But first — as they say, on the radio — the Ponting Affair. What have we learnt? That Section 2 of the 1911 Official Secrets Act is an anachronism which enables politicians and bureaucrats to conduct the business of government behind an excessive veil of secrecy. But we already knew that. The trouble is that to demand reform of the Secrets Act is to risk replacing an ass of a law with a swine of a law.

Lies have been told to Parliament. We know that too. Lies of one kind or another are told to Parliament every day of the week. The problem down there is spotting when someone is telling the truth. The Government got itself into a cover-up syndrome somewhat similar to Richard Nixon's. A cover-up syndrome is when what is being covered up is the original cover-up; lies have to be told to support previous lies. The original lie in this case was told in the fog of war and was excusable under the circumstances. As for the Belgrano, she was sunk because there was a war on. All of that we knew too, unless—like Mr. Tam Dalyell we are absolutely determined to believe otherwise.

Why weren't the lies subsequently corrected? For the usual reasons. Pride. Arrogance. Obstinacy. Woodenheadedness. Perhaps an additional reason was post-imperial delusion, a nostalgia for secrets once worth keeping which leads to the classification of trivia. Remember also that navy politics were at the heart of the conduct of the war. Behind the subsequent cover-up there seems to have lurked an exaggeration of the continuing importance of naval security. Such matters as fleet movements and rules of engagement have not been discussed since Nelson's day.

A more useful reminder from the Ponting Affair is that juries cannot be relied upon to play politicians' games. They don't approve of lying politicians; either that or they believe all politicians to be liars and don't approve of politicians. Ministers were unwise to submit there veracity, and their notion that the national interest is served by whatever is their political convenience, to the verdict of men and women good and true. They were given the verdict they deserved.

The affair has given a further glimpse of how Mrs Thatcher's government works. One way in which she exercises prime ministerial power is through a network of narks strategically located in the departments, especially those under ministers she doesn't like or trust.

The week of Ponting demonstrated once again that Mrs Thatcher on a bad day is more than a match for Mr Kinnock on a good one. But if the jury in the Ponting case was anything like a sample of the public, it may have done Mr Kinnock no harm to denounce Mrs Thatcher as a liar. The public isn't much interested in the niceties of parliamentary etiquette, and it certainly isn't interested in the sinking of the Belgrano.

However, Mr Kinnock's handling of the affair hasn't done his professional reputation any good, and that is becoming a serious problem for him. Once more inexperience told. If he had ever served in a government he might have known something of the mysterious way in which it works, nowhere more so than in the grey and anachronistic area between the professional etiquette of the law officers and their political service to the government of the day.

His standing in the eyes of Parliament and the parliamentary press may not matter greatly in itself, but it permeates into the political consciousness. It reinforces the public's impression, as reflected in the opinion polls, that Mr Kinnock is an amiable lightweight, not prime ministerial material. Even that might not be a fatal liability if the pendulum were really to swing, but it doesn't help him at a moment when the credibility of Labour as a party of opposition is threatened by the Alliance which is poised to overtake it in the polls.

Meanwhile, the Government faces severe difficulties and some almost impossible choices. It can keep up the momentum of Thatcherism only at the risk of alienating its own supporters on what could be a massive scale. A middle class revolt is brewing up of the kind which can rock Conservative governments in mid-term. Middle class is no longer quite the way to describe it if that conjures up a world of managers and shopkeepers; we are speaking now of a wider world, partly of this Government's creation, of mortgage-paying houseowners, of a consumer society living above its means. Vested interests cut across classe.

We may assume that it was not national pride hurt by the slide of sterling but rather pockets hurt by the surge in interest rates which have sent the Government's popularity diving and given Mrs Thatcher her lowest approval rating since the "Falklands factor" came to her rescue. No wonder that the Cabinet last week viewed with a distinct lack of enthusiasm all plans to penalise the perks of millions of voters, or to further cut the benefits and services they have come to expect from the State, in order to fund a general tax reduction.

Conservative MPs report that they have never seen such a volume of mail. The Treasury has received more than 7,000 letters protesting at the suggestion that private pensions may be taxed, most of them forwarded by MPs. The letters come not only from "Indignant, Tunbridge Wells" but indignant trade unionists who have no less a vested interest in the tax privileges which attach to pension funds. A huge sum of money is involved, the total cost to the Exchequer is some £7 billions, and that represents a formidable political volcano.

Pensions is not the only issue although it is the hottest. The message of the postbag is that Tory voters have had enough of radical Thatcherism. Their wishes are far removed from the zeal of the Institute of Economic Affairs and the Centre for Policy Studies. They think it is time for a Conservative Government to do a bit of conserving, stop all this change and upset, and lay off its own people.

This upsurge of pressure group politics, this conspiracy of the interests against change, is spreading despondency among the Thatcherites, many of whom have never known a traditional Conservative government. How is the counter-revolution against the post-war consensus to be carried through unless the no-go areas of the Welfare State can be opened up to the cutting knife? How is the monetarist answer to unemployment ever to be vindicated if the Chancellor is unable either to reduce public expenditure or finance tax incentives out of tax reforms?

Next month's budget is Mr Lawson's last chance to strike a radical blow. The suspension of confidence by the City and international finance leaves little scope for his daring instincts. His next budget — if he is still in the job — will have to be aimed at winning a general election in the autumn of 1987.

The next session of Parliament is also effectively the last chance to find big savings in the welfare budget. Social benefits are now costing £40 billion which is equivalent to nearly a third of total public spending. On this, as on the Health Service, the Government is hedged in by pledges, and the whole subject is potential dynamite. The Tory-voting middle classes are great consumers of the Welfare State too. From what we know of the "Fowler review" the Government will dare no more than to nibble at the edges of the problem.

Are we therefore somewhere near the limits of Thatcherism? Perhaps. The next few weeks and months will show. The Prime Minister has taken to apologising for reality. The eagerness of her conviction politics has given way to explanations of why the world is as it is and how difficult everything is. She doesn't sound as if she is preparing to launch a new phase of her counter-revolution. She is almost beginning to sound like a conservative.

Unable to press forward towards her dream of an American-style enterprise economy, unwilling to wield the power of the State to stimulate employment, she will be left presiding over problems to which her Government has no solution. It is scarcely likely to drift into an election in this fashion. The last kicks of radical Thatcherism may also be the beginning of her discovery that there is an alternative after all.

ALEX BRUMMER, in Washington, on a surgical saga

Heartbreak hospital

MURRAY Haydon, a 58-year-old history buff, is (we are told) making an excellent recovery, after becoming the third American to receive the Jarvik-7 artificial heart. This must be an enormous relief not only to Mr Haydon's family but to the private hospital in Audubon, Louisville, and shareholders who are paying for Dr William Devries's expensive experiments in heart surgery.

For just a few yards away from where Mr Haydon is becoming yet another medical miracle a predecessor in surgical stardom 52-year-old William Schroeder, not so long ago the most famous man in America, is sliding towards a puzzling death.

In the world of the commercial hospital chains, medical research is not just a step for mankind but a line in the profits and loss account, a glossy section in the annual report and a name to be associated in the public mind with quality heart care. It is a far cry from the deliberate pace of research at the university and teaching hospitals where trustees and the best minds in medical research evaluate the ethics in a disciplined way and might allow one experiment to run its course and be fully evaluated before moving on to the next.

The image most Americans still have of Bill Schroeder is of a lively combative character who turned the standard congratulatory call from President Reagan into first class bedside opera by upbraiding Mr Reagan and his federal minions for holding up a retirement benefit cheque because of a bureaucrats' technicality. It was an enriching and captivating spectacle which like the great sports events of our time made the lead story on the national television news.

But little is seen of the game, beer-drinking Mr Schroeder now. His routine no longer includes regular interviews with the press, chats with the President, free cases of beer from the fastest brewery off the mark or heated exchanges with his mates about basketball. Some 18 days after the operation, as the small plastic and metal device pumped on, it sent Schroeder's head several blood clots which lodged in seven parts of his brain.

Schroeder, the Indiana wonder and raconteur, suffered several strokes which left him virtually without a memory. It impaired his speech, paralysed his left-side and perhaps most seriously for a sick man put him into severe depression. The PR photos of Mr Schroeder continued to be fed to the press: but they now showed a man in an apparent daze pumping away on a cycling machine with a twisted, anguished smile on his face.

At the moment that Dr Devries was operating on Mr Haydon, and the hospital was boasting of the triumph (in much the same way as it has trumpeted success with Mr Schroeder three months earlier) the previous transplant recipient was fast going down hill. While the therapy — physical and psychological for his strokes continued — Schroeder developed a mysterious temperature which sapped his strength, set back his "recovery" and has sent him into the same kind of grim and debilitating depression experienced after his stroke.

"If he does not get stronger, if he does not get over the fever then he will remain discouraged and that could be a threat to his life, no doubt about it," said Dr Allan Lansing, chairman of the heart institute The operation, despite all the early promise could not be considered a success.

It became possible grudgingly to acknowledge failure when it was counterbalanced by the first blush of a new success. In this world of sanguinary hype the myth that heart disease, America's most popular killer, can be beaten by a few isolated and prohibitively costly operations has to be maintained. All the better if the recipients are men middle-class Americans can identify with — a successful dentist: Dr Barney Clark; a father of six; Bill Schroeder, and now the history buff. All family men deserving of the secret of longevity.

Murray Haydon, we are now told, is a much better prospect than Bill Schroeder in the game way as Schroeder just 85 short days ago was a better prospect than Clark. The important thing is to keep expectations up. Clark, who was provided with his artificial heart at the University of Utah in December 1982 never really stood much chance we have since learned. As well as suffering from cardiomyopathy (the degenerative heart condition common to all three recipients) he was in his 60s, and had lung disease making him a less than ideal candidate for an experiment. But the show went on.

Schroeder, initially described as an ideal candidate because of his youth and vigour, is now also disparaged for his qualities as a human guinea pig even though he is still alive to hear it, if not understand. He is a diabetic, the public was informed as things started to go wrong, and had also had open heart surgery leaving him with a great deal of scar tissue.

Mr Haydon appears to be doing marvellously well and may it continue. He is by all accounts a more healthy recipient. But it should be noted that like his predecessors at the forefront of American heart surgery he has been a heavy smoker and his disease of the heart muscle cells has been linked by some researchers to the nicotine addiction.

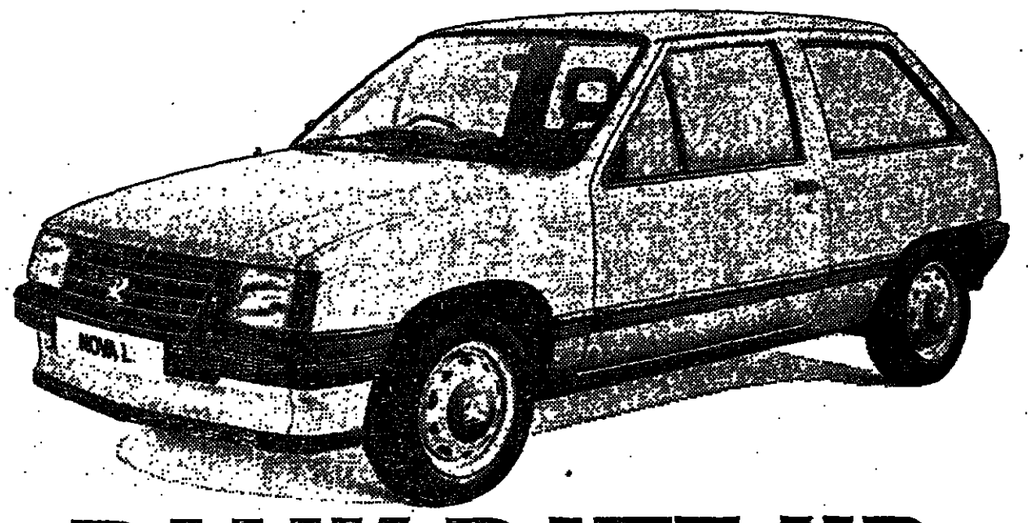
In the obsession with medical detail, which the American public laps up, many of the wider ethical questions appear to fall by the wayside. Those who challenge the search for longevity challenge the new American dream which has helped transform the United States into a nation of nutrition and exercise fanatics.

Yet a number of serious philosophical questions need to be asked about the Jarvik-7 experiments. Is the commercial hospital, where profit and image are so important, the right place for such human-based research? Is the money well spent? The $250,000 cost for each operation would buy many more lives in America's ghettos where health insurance is non-existent and even more in Ethiopia or the Sudan.

There are questions of health ethics to be raised too. Has medical science advanced or created a new monster when it designs a device which can keep blood flowing through an ailing body but may leave behind a malfunctioning brain? What kind of life can a Jarvik-7 recipient enjoy when tethered most of the time to a 323-pound compressor? These are hardly the kind of issues which a large corporation can be expected to answer on behalf of humanity.

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Macho may be the role image, but is a New Man emerging?

IN the pendulum world of sexual politics, the swing from the Women's Movement as a social catalyst is leading to an examination of men. Their roles are being probed; so are their relationships with women, with other men, and with themselves. And we are even beginning to question what constitutes our notion of masculinity.

There isn't a solid debate so far. But there *is* an image, with a label: New Man. It is stuck, tentatively, to the sort of guy who is recognisable by his interest in style. Clothes rather than cars; the care he takes of his body — working out in a health club rather than playing team games. He is an update of the Me Generation of the 1970s and, at a deeper level, more self-interest emerges, in the way he plans his career, in the share he takes in bringing up the children.

New Man worries about the way the male domain has come to be constructed in western societies. For if feminism has shown women pressed into subservient roles, to what extent, it is *legitimate to ask, has* there been parallel distortion of male roles? Have men victimised themselves by creating and dominating institutions — economic, political, religious and social — which have crushed them into stereotypes?.

Right now, there are enough trends to indicate a change; yet they are not potent enough to precipitate a revolution equivalent in force to the women's movement. There is a great deal of anxiety among men. It is not generally spread, but affects certain groups. Some are worried by the effect that the Women's Movement has had on their partners. The recession has forced others to let their wives do the major share of the breadwinning, and so altered their self-image. The gay movement has made some heterosexuals face their latent bi-sexuality or homosexuality. And, for those who still bother to marry, there is, in their new-style unions, the possibility of larger freedoms than couples in previous generations enjoyed.

These factors are so disparate, affect so many different men, and with their origins in different decades — some seventies (gay movement); some eighties (the slump) *it is impossible to say that a* collective rethink is going on. There are many contradictions. There were men's groups in the late sixties, though they were marginal compared with the energy of Women's lib. Role reversal happened decades ago in some marriages: lots of men in middle age can remember their stints feeding and changing babies.

And yet the pattern of relationships, and of individual behaviour, is being printed out somewhat differently in the mid-eighties. The emergence of new man has been spotted by a few magazine publishers, who are launching supplements for male readers on the back of established, big-selling women's journals. A few academics and advertising men are going round with a gleam in their eyes.

Colin Bowring is one of them. He is in charge of marketing research for the giant ad-agency, McCann Erickson. Recently, his team questioned 1,000 men about their attitudes to some 65 branded products. The more general questions threw up some interesting trends. More respondents disagreed than agreed with the statement that it was OK to show aggression in an argument, for instance.

The advertising world relies on a series of macho images — swords, horses, stereotyped 'successful' models in business or entertainment — to sell products, but also to reinforce, unwittingly or not, our traditional concepts of masculinity, says Bowring. And, the implication is, this is just as manipulative as advertising directed at women. He is surprised at the high level of brand preference among men, and at the numbers who shop jointly with their women — and make the decisions about what to buy.

To a degree, Bowring's own circumstances are a case history of the trends his survey indicates: In terms of the job, for a start. "We're a traditional corporation, American based, but truly multinational. The corporate style is hierarchical." He is 42; his wife is 39 and they recently have had their first baby. He's become a father at quite a late stage in his career and is aware of the dilemma — "many men are being pulled both ways" — of the demands of the promotional ladder, which means working 12 and 13 hours a day, versus a desire to share parenting equally with his wife.

"I quite like looking after kids; and I quite like cooking," says Bowring. But he's aware that the advertising and entertainment worlds, with the images they project of macho man, might conflict with the way he brings up his son. He's not going to hit the child when he misbehaves — but the role model his son will see outside the home, when he gets bigger, will be "Clint Eastwood blowing off somebody's head."

Where are the role models for New Man? — ironic coming from an advertising man, but not to be treated any less seriously for that. Some of them come from the gay world. Jeffrey Weeks, author of Sex, Politics And Society, points out that the spectrum of masculinity has been widened; the gay movement split sex off from gender.

Men who acknowledge qualities of gentleness and understanding in themselves — broadly and traditionally regarded as female virtues — are not necessarily effeminate. There is a softness about New Man, and that will endear him to many women, because it will enlarge the possibility of greater mutual understanding. At the same time, it will make other men — maybe most men — suspicious of anyone who is less than solid macho.

The point seems to be that there are many different sexualities now. The writer Michael Ignatieff had this to say at a series of discussions on the theme New Man, currently underway at the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London. "There isn't one fixed sexuality. And all sexualities are reversible preferences, not destinies. No-one is typical any more. I'm married with one child, heterosexual. But I no longer know what that entitles me to say about my gender."

The title of the seminars is *What Do Men Want? It's a useful* shorthand, but to answer the fuddled conundrum that is in many minds, men need to know themselves, to have a chance to reassess — at varying levels of depth, depending on their inclination to self-probe — the roles they are required to play; the extent to which they are the prisoners of gender. Ignatieff suggested that most never considered the matter because "they're never forced by our culture to know. The power of men protects them from having to ask."

Digging deep, Ignatieff suggested that what men really are seeking is a type of relationship which would give them moral immunity: there *would be total love, and no* blame for mistakes. In that, men want to replicate the mother-child bond. He implied that all relations between men and their female partners were unsatisfactory "because lovers never forgive."

There are other, less fatalistic views about the realignment with women that New Man might want to make. One trend is that partnerships are being constructed to contain two separate as well as one joint identity; another is that the desire of more women to have careers will make it easier for their men to accept home-centred roles. A third trend is that men are having more time to think about their lives anyway, in the spaces between marriage and remarriage, which is an increasing social pattern.

It may be, of course, that the trend spotters all are wrong; that a few straws in the wind are not going to make a male revolution. There is caution from John Forrester, lecturer in the history of science and philosophy at Cambridge. He reckons that there is not one big movement, but quite separate strands. The debate, such as it is, started out as men's response to feminism; the matter of redefined masculinity *came from the gay movement.* Forrester doesn't foresee major change, he notes different forms of behaviour, and these cannot amount to much.

Role reversal, for example, is a bit like a parlour game, he says, "the key factor is who is working and bringing in money to the family unit. Men still perceive themselves as unemployed if not working outside the home."

Whatever New Man does manage to achieve, the scale of involvement won't be anything as large as that of the women's movement. Men have no collective sense of grievance; no broad ideological response to women, as women in the movement have to men. And there is this additional, telling difference: "The dominant mode of women trying to revolutionise their consciousness is anger and revolution; with men, it is doubt and anxiety."

Maybe New Man will be no more than a single cell revolutionary. But it is too early to tell at this stage how the debate will go. Perhaps he is still worrying in the dark. We shall see.

The weekly discussions on What Do Men Want continue on Thursdays, at 7.30 pm at the ICA, the Mall, W1, until March 14. Admission £1.50 per session.

John Cunningham



Maureen Lipman — picture by Frank Martin

One saus tom — two with — one without

To begin an occasional series on first jobs, Helen Chappell talks to Maureen Lipman about her disastrous days in a seaside cafe

"I BEGGED my parents to let me go because they were dead against it. Nice, middle-class Jewish girls from Hull weren't supposed to get jobs in egg and chip cafes." Nor were they supposed to become successful comedy actresses but Maureen Lipman became one anyway.

At the age of 15, she was, if anything, even more adventurous than she is today. The lure of sun-kissed Bridlington was just too much for her. Her schoolmates had already told her steamy sagas of working *life at the seaside resort, and* she was determined to try it for herself. "Off I went, with a trunkful of vests and glamorous evening wear for all my nights on the town. I thought it would be very romantic — like a scene from Of Human Bondage. Tinkling teacups and lump sugar."

The reality was different. The cafe was miles from the seafront, there were a lot of holidaymakers but most of them had only slunk in out of the train. "My hopes were dashed when I saw it was nothing like the Palm Court at Scarborough. It was pretty stark, pretty shabby. There were oilskin cloths on the tables. Not a prawn cocktail in sight. It was also the noisiest place I've ever been in my life. People were crashing plates and bellowing orders and everybody seemed to be *running.*"

Unlike Alice, when confronted with the Duchess' kitchen, Maureen Lipman did the sensible thing. She panicked. She dropped things: she put the brown sauce in the red sauce bottles; she thought of the first number that came into her head and wrote it down on the bill. To cover herself, she would hold lively conversations with the (damp) customers. "I'd say to them: 'Are you having a nice time here? How long are you staying? What a bonny baby!' Which was the last thing any of them wanted. All they really wanted was their dinners."

The cafe manager, it seems loathed her on sight. For one thing, her uniform didn't fit. The nylon overall did nothing for her figure and the perky little cap teetered dangerously on the top of her head. "All the other waitresses — my schoolfriends mostly — looked just right in their uniforms. They suddenly seemed grown-up, like women instead of schoolgirls. I was used to being the entertainer of our gang — the joker in the pack. But there was no room for me to entertain at the cafe."

There was little room in the girls' bedrooms either, especially for a trunkful of redundant evening wear. Three girls to a room and no windows. The heat generated did not, however, compare with that of the kitchen downstairs. "I remember one very greasy-looking young man sitting on the fire escape trying to cool off."

Mercifully, her contact with the culinary inferno was confined to screeching: "One saus Tom — two with — one without — no chips on one — double chips on the other — peas and mash!" down the serving hatch. This was the one thing she enjoyed — learning her lines as an actress was child's play after that.

In no time, the manager's initial loathing hardened. "He thought I was a bit inept. Very inept actually. I certainly was. At best I was very *slow*, at worst a catastrophe. I hated having to wrap the stale bread from lunch in a damp cloth and bringing it out again at tea time. I hated scraping gobs of sauce from dirty plates and putting it back into the bottles. Within two days he had taken me aside and told me it was positively my *last chance* to shape up. Stop chatting and get on with my work or..." Or you end up relegated to the toffee apple stall outside.

Even there she found herself flummoxed by the mental arithmetic of giving change. "I just couldn't subtract half a crown from a pound. I was hopeless with money, I still am. It just won't go in my brain. I suppose I ought to do something about it now, 28 years later, *or is it* 23?" (*It is* 23.)

Finally, she admitted defeat, and gave away almost all the toffee apples. She hoped vaguely that the manager would count the takings, not the toffee apples. But a man who would scrape used sauce back into the bottle was hardly a man to be hoodwinked. This time, it was the end. "If you ever bring that bloody disaster here again," he shouted at her friends as she walked out, "I'll sack the lot of you."

Lugging her clean supply of vests home again to Hull, she thought again about her career prospects. "At school, I'd always breezed *in to see* the careers officer and said: 'Actress' before she could get a word out. I'd always felt sorry for kids who'd been forced into jobs in banks because they couldn't think of anything else to do. But now I began to wonder — if I couldn't even give the right change on a toffee apple stand, how was I ever going to earn my wages? Of course, what I didn't realise then was that it was that very inability to cope with life which was going to make me an actress."

The valuable lesson learnt at the Bridlington eaterie, says Maureen Lipman, was that she would have to become an actress as soon as possible because there was *"bugger all else" she could* do for a living. "I was totally impractical. Even now my son Adam is incredibly impressed if I manage to sew all his cub badges on the right way. I suppose my mum had just looked after me too well. I had no idea what work meant — I'd never done any. At school, I'd always coasted by somehow. The manager was quite right to sling me out — I was a dead weight. I'd been completely and utterly ruined."

The Real World tried and condemned, it was now a case of actress or bust. She won a place at the London Academy of Musical and Dramatic Arts. She found a flat above a dentist's surgery which resounded to the crash of cocaine addicts breaking in at night. She fibbed her way into a job at the Palace Theatre in Watford. Actress it was.

Nowadays you can spot this failed waitress in anything from the BBC Shakespeare series to Alan Ayckbourn and the Anita Harris Show. At Christmas, 18 months' worth of work was screened on TV all in one week and friends started to nickname her "Ceefax."

Egged on by her husband, playwright Jack Rosenthal, she has dipped a toe in the cold ocean of words — writing a monthly column for Options magazine. "I'm *supposed to* be putting together a collection of them for a book," she says anxiously, "except that *I'm not.* They'll get an editor in soon to get me organised.

"As life gets busier, there seems to be more and more *conflict:* Should I be at a Theatre of Comedy meeting? Should I be at an audition? Should I be with my children? Acting becomes a roller-coaster and you can't get off." It *sounds* rather like being a harassed waitress, in fact. But, unlike Bridlington, the stage is the one place where she knows *exactly* what's she's doing.

They come to the rickety theatres in their red velvet party dresses, straight out of Noel Streatfield



AMERICAN DIARY

Linda Blandford

THERE is a misleading tendency in New York to equate the theatre with Broadway — on it, off it, off-off it, but always in relation to it. Broadway with its lights, razzmatazz, laughter and tears — and $45 top seats. Included, however, will be a trip to one of Manhattan's less salubrious neighbourhoods, to the Times Square of bums, tarts and cheap drink in brown paper bags.

Nevertheless visitors assume that Broadway is a must, that there is an obligation to see Chorus Line, 10 years on, Van Johnson, that sweetheart of the forties, in the musical Cage aux Folles, Tommy Tune and Twiggy, singing and dancing slick and sassy.

On Wednesday afternoons, mid-town traffic is always jammed tight as the hallowed charabancs of matinee ladies from New Jersey and Scarsdale go through their weekly ritual to being stuck half-way round crowded corners and trapped in narrow side streets. But Broadway is horribly expensive: an afternoon or evening out for two with taxis, theatre seats and a pleasant meal, represents an investment these days of at least $100, probably nearer $200 . . . and not *all shows are good, even on* Broadway, off it or around it. No wonder, you might say, all the big airlines run Show Stopper tours to London, theatre tickets included.

But for those who love the smell of greasepaint and backstage mould, nowhere compares to Manhattan when it comes to tiny neighbourhood theatres — run, dustily, on enthusiasm, a shoe-string and the devotion of its volunteers. They are the closest that this tough-minded city comes to the joy of amateurism, the friendliness of what is cosy and dear.

In tiny church halls, schools, assembly rooms, ballrooms and old, crumbling theatres, resident companies offer their fare, most twice-daily over the weekend. Tucked away near the cheaper diners and kinder streets of the upper East or West Sides, these indominitable companies are beloved of old ladies, too poor or frail now for excursions downtown. They are regular patrons and can still be seen, even after the fiercest snow, picking their way cautiously towards their $2 matinees.

Here too will be found the Fifth and Park Avenue parents, eager to start early the training in the arts — the arts, in this instance, meaning something one is on the board of. Cinderella at the Jan Hus Theatre, The Cat in the Castle at the Mest and Potatoes Theatre, Toto and the Wizard of Wall Street at the 4th Wall Rep: these outings for pre-schoolers will lead inexorably to the real stuff, the Saturday morning concerts at Lincoln Centre and to the cultural apex of eight year old New York — $50 seats at the ballet. For now, they come to the rickety theatres in their red velvet party dresses and clean white gloves, straight out of Noel Streatfield. It is in these little theatres that the old world still lives.

And thus the popularity among them of Gilbert and Sullivan should not go unnoticed. At Symphony Space at 96th Street the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players have just finished a run of The Gondoliers — starring John Reed, now of Bournemouth, formerly of the D'Oyly Carte and will naturally be presenting the Mikado next month for its centenary. The G. and S. Society sang through the Pirates of Penzance on Tuesday. The Blue Hill players are eagerly awaited at Hunter College theatre — Iolanthe. And, of course, on the wilds of First Avenue is LOOM.

LOOM, the Light Opera of Manhattan, is said to be the only company in the world to present all of Gilbert and Sullivan. It also puts on Victor Herbert, Sigmund Romberg, Lehar, New Moon, the Student Prince, Babes in Toyland — a feast of tunes for a romantic heart, thumped out on a piano, an organ, percussion and an occasional violin.

LOOM performs 52 weeks a year, eight performances a week, its chorus earns $35 a week (and therefore has its quota of part-time cleaners, taxi drivers, and typing temps), its stars earn $200. An old biscuit tin passed around at intermission speaks of its genteel poverty. Its ushers are volunteers ("Karen, sweetie, how do I open the door?"). Its house manager, owlish, layered in sweaters, looks constantly harrassed as he dashes through at least four jobs. And yet LOOM has passed New York's sternest test — its new productions have always been *the subject of warm* — if sentimental — tributes from the stringent music critics of The Times. (What childhood of theirs can they be reliving, one wonders?).

Its theatre, the East Side Playhouse, was built at the *turn of the* century as a ballroom for the Bohemian brothers fraternal society — at a time when this corner off First Avenue was Little Bohemia. The theatre seats 278, at weekends it is almost always full — of half-price children and seniors, mothballs, aficionados silently singing along. Its artistic director, Raymond Allen, is in his sixties now — after 17 years with LOOM and all those Sir Joseph Porters and Jack Points, he has rather gone over the top. He has the mannered, outrageous appeal of Cyril Fletcher as Mother Goose, or any of those other great pantomime Dames of yore.

There is no ritual in New York to Gilbert and Sullivan: the tip-off is that the laughter and applause comes after, not before, the songs. The antics of the enormously wide-eyed, tiny-bottomed chorus men, wiggly and camp, entrances the house. When Captain Corcoran swears his very Big D — everyone rocks with the laughter of the discovery. Of course, G. and S. has always delighted America: no political sensitivity here at stake. Where better would they appreciate that all men are equal — except at the top. The highest and richest feel as secure here as ever they did in Victorian London.

Afterwards the house empties onto the street, crusty snow spilling over the sidewalk. The mink coat brigade picks its way to the taxis; the little old ladies in faded Sunday best, limp along in the cold wind — humming and chuckling.

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'Not one analyst has called or written to discuss my book or agreed to take part in debates we have had. They are reacting not as analysts but as men, because here we are touching on the last taboo, the most shameful secret of all, a male secret.'

But Dr Jeffrey Masson's view has brought down on his head the wrath of orthodox Freudians and now he's fighting back. Chris Reed reports.

How Freud changed his mind and became a chauvinist



Dr Jeffrey Masson

AMONG Sigmond Freud's contemporaries was a fellow neurologist he much admired, Dr Paul Moebius, author of a book Freud took seriously enough to read and include in his personal library. It was called On The Natural Feeble-Mindedness Of Women, a title that meant what it said.

It is useful to keep in mind this tiny footnote in the history of psychology while examining the row — ferocious even by the savage standards of academics — that continues to disturb the psycho-analytic establishment. For while the Freudians attempt to ignore the latest assault on their discipline, an issue arises from it which is central to modern feminism, and to women who do not count themselves part of the movement.

In the many hostile reviews and articles which have appeared in the dispute, none discusses these essential questions: Did Freud betray women, and has psycho-analysis continued to do so ever since? Because of the importance of Freudian thinking in the West, the answers affect basic social attitudes to females.

Almost at once, modern feminists launched an attack on Freudianism for having an inherent bias against women. Yet their arguments were still only opinions. Now there is a Freudian scholar, Dr Jeffrey Masson of Berkeley, California, claiming to prove this flaw in the founder of psycho-analysis. No wonder Dr Masson feels "isolated" and that "the word has been given out to abandon me, and a void is forming around me."

In one of the many ironies of this affair, these are actually the words of Freud himself after announcing in 1896 the

'Freudian wisdom expects female fantasy rather than veracity'

very theory which is causing the uproar today. But they apply just as much to Dr Masson.

Freud was "shunned and despised" as he later wrote, because of what became known as the Seduction Theory. This suggested that patients with hysteria, an illness showing physical symptoms without an organic origin, were suffering in all 18 cases he had analysed — six men and twelve women — from the psychological after-effects of sexual molestation as children.

(Freud originally used German words meaning rape, abuse, attack, assault, and trauma, as well as seduction. His later preference for "seduction" emphasises Freud's remaining ambiguity towards the theory he abandoned, Dr Masson believes.)

In 1905 Freud publicly renounced the Seduction Theory. Instead, he now favoured the Oedipus Complex, which remains orthodox Freudian teaching to this day. It stated that rather than real childhood sexual assaults, patients' accounts were fantasies or inventions employed to disavow their early incestuous desires for the parent of the opposite sex. As males complained less of maternal seduction — an act which was less likely to involve violence — the focus converged on females.

Freudians prefer to believe that people do not become mentally ill because of something that happened to them, but because of what they *imagine* happened. It is, therefore, conventional Freudian wisdom to expect female fantasy rather than female veracity in sexual matters.

The Seduction Theory brought Freud only odium. He was voicing the unspeakable and it threatened his very career. If he were correct, it meant that sexual abuse of minors was far more frequent than anyone wished to believe, that such abuse usually happened within the family, and the most likely culprit was the father. Freud's peers, respectable and conservative Victorian patresfamilias, could hardly be expected to welcome such an idea.

In his meticulously-researched book, Freud: The Assault on Truth; Freud's Suppression of the Seduction Theory (Faber and Faber, London, £9.95), Dr Masson concludes that Freud's rejection of his theory came not through factual evidence, but from a "personal failure of courage" by the great man himself.

The consequences of this failure to confront the terrible reality that Freud had discovered, were grave. "By *shifting* the emphasis from an actual world of sadness, misery, and cruelty to an internal *stage* on which actors performed invented dramas for an invisible audience of their own creation," Dr Masson writes, "Freud began a trend away from the real world that . . . is at the root of the present-day sterility of psycho-analysis and psychiatry throughout the world."

Again, Dr Masson's fellow psycho-analysts could hardly be expected to welcome this attack, not only on the revered Master, but on psycho-analysis itself. What he did not expect was that the profession and its friends would respond by attacking him personally, expelling him from their ranks, and finally reverting to a punishment with seventeenth-century origins: sending him to Coventry.

In the autumn of 1981, Jeffrey Masson was poised to inherit one of the most coveted posts in psychology, director of the Freud Archives and curator of a museum to be created upon the death of the late Anna Freud in the house where her father died in London in 1939, and where Masson himself would live.

He not only lost his director-designate post, but his professional colleagues as well. He no longer sees his best friend of 10 years, a man with whom he shared holidays abroad. At 43 he is finished with psycho-analysis, except as an author.

The rumpus is likely to last for months more yet. Dr Masson has already won $150,000 in a law suit he brought against the Archives over his dismissal. Next is his libel suit against the New Yorker magazine and the journalist Janet Malcolm, who performed a personal hatchet job on Masson which ranks as a masterpiece of its unlovely genre. Miss Malcolm liked it well enough to have it published as a book, Trouble In The Archives, (Jonathan Cape, London).

Her portrayal of Masson as an insufferably bumptious con-man apparently seeped into the minds of his reviewers before they examined his book, for many made personal comments not normally expected in critiques of works of scholarship.

The lack of serious attention given to what Dr Masson believes is proof of his charges particularly upsets him. In his brief spell with the Archives he was granted what no other scholar has been given: access to what he calls the "imcomparable treasure" of Freud's papers at the Freud house in London.

At this time, Dr Masson was permitted to prepare the first full edition of Freud's letters to Dr Wilhelm Fliess, the ear, nose and throat specialist who was his closest friend during the years Freud was forming his theories. In his research, Dr Masson noticed a pattern of omission in the abridged edition of the correspondence published by Anna Freud in 1950.

In Freud's letters after September, 1897, when he was supposed to have first given up his Seduction Theory, all child sex abuse case histories had been excised. Also missing was any mention of a patient of Freud and Fliess, Emma Eckstein, who was somehow linked to Freud's about-face.

The story of these three as pieced together by Masson is, to the modern lay person, a shocking tale of quackery, heartlessness, and conceit underlying an arrogantly patriarchal view of women. Its harshly unflattering view of Freud's integrity may be central to the outrage that greeted Masson's book.

By any sensible standards, Fliess was a quack. He believed the nose and sex organs were linked, and that single women who masturbated suffered painful menstruation and bleeding from the nose. He also believed in a "male period" of 23 days.

Emma Eckstein, then 27, was single and suffered menstrual pains and nasal bleeding. In another irony, she was also a feminist of her day. As Freud's patient he recommended an operation by Fliess, who would remove a bone in her nose. Unfortunately, Freud soon wrote from Vienna to Fliess in Berlin, she was not recovering from the surgery, continuing to bleed from the nose.

Freud summoned another doctor who, Freud wrote, "suddenly pulled at something like a thread" and "before we had time to think" at least half a metre of gauze had been removed from her nose. There was a "flood of blood" and she "turned white, her eyes bulged, and she had no pulse." They staunched the bleeding and Emma revived. Dr Freud, however, needed a nip of cognac, causing the prostrate patient to remark, "condescendingly" he recalled: "So this is the strong sex. . . ."

At first Freud had "heartfelt compassion for my child of sorrow" but hastened to reassure Fliess that he was blameless. But Emma kept bleeding, soon to become "my tormentor and yours" Freud wrote to him, deciding that instead of the bungled surgery she bled from a "longing" for none other than Freud himself. "Since I did not come to her in the night, she renewed the bleedings as an unfailing means of re-arousing my affection," he told Fliess.

Dr Masson pins down the unpleasant but likelier truth. Instead of facing the consequences of malpractice, he sought to protect his friend and himself. To do this, Freud needed "a theory of hysterical lying, whereby the external traumas suffered by the patient never happened, but were fantasies. If her problems (her bleeding) had nothing to do with the real world (the operation), then her earlier accounts of seduction could well be fantasies too."

As Freud turned on Eckstein, psycho-analysis turned away from women as well. He told Fliess of his "completely surprising explanation of Eckstein's haemorrhages, which will give you much pleasure. I have already worked out the story . . . that her bleeding episodes were hysterical, and were occasioned by longing . . ."

Masson does not claim that Freud disavowed his Seduction Theory overnight. Indeed, it and Eckstein's plight preoccupied him for three years until he wrote to Fliess repudiating it. Masson shows that it continued to haunt him into the 1930s, for after the betrayal of a theory for a friend, Freud betrayed a friend over the theory.

The eminent analyst Sandor Ferenczi was for 20 years after Fliess, Freud's best friend. But not long before his death in 1933, Ferenczi began to think along the lines that had led Freud to his abandoned theory.

But when Ferenczi sought to read a paper on his findings to the International Psycho-Analytic Association, which he had founded, Freud tried to dissuade him from discussing his "fantasy children" but to return to the *"struggle of men,"* (my emphasis).

The year before he died Ferenczi read his paper anyway, but it was not published in English for 17 years. Freud wrote an obituary disguising Ferenczi's return to the Seduction Theory, and then joined in delaying publication of Ferenczi's paper.

That Freud always knew of the widespread incidence of child sex abuse is demonstrated by Masson, who shows that early in his career Freud knew of well-documented forensic evidence in France, and owned books on the subject. Yet with his repudiation of the theory this evidence was ignored.

Today's research continues to illustrate this divergence. In 1983, Professor Diana Russell of Mills College, California, in a survey of 930 women, found that 38 per cent said they had been sexually assaulted before age 18, and 28 per cent before 14. In 1953, Kinsey's definitive work showed that a quarter of women reported a childhood sexual experience with an adult before 13.

Yet the Comprehensive Textbook of Psychiatry, the standard reference work published in 1975, was still listing all forms of incest at only 1.1 cases per million per year.

In spite of the hostility of psycho-analysis and its friends, Dr Masson has been supported by a few prominent feminists. Dr Judith Herman, who teaches psychiatry at Harvard medical school, says that failure to realise the reality of child sex abuse has led to "mis-diagnosis and mistreatment of numerous women and children who turn to psychiatrists for help."

Do Freudians really believe that over a third of the women seen by Dr Russell were fantasising or inventing girlhood assaults? Many analysts today claim they are aware of the reality of child abuse, but many critics continue to prefer Dr Herman's view.

What alarms analysts most about Masson's argument is in part of a letter Anna Freud wrote to him in 1981: "Keeping up the seduction theory would mean to abandon the Oedipus complex, and with it the whole importance of fantasy life, conscious or unconscious. . . . In fact, I think there would have been no psycho-analysis afterwards." That is the standard view, but Miss Freud's point is pure supposition. Dr Masson agrees that nobody will ever know for sure what would have happened; more important are the consequences of what did.

What transforms the argument is the introduction of the feminist view, as Dr Masson has lately realised himself. Trying to work this out took him from an apolitical Freudian to his present stance as an avowed radical feminist. The hostile reception of his book has only reinforced his views.

"Not one analyst has called or written to discuss my book or agreed to take part in debates we have had. They are reacting not as analysts but as *men*, because here we are touching on the last taboo, the most shameful secret of all, a male secret. All the favourable letters I have received came from women, hundreds saying that their analysis refused to believe their stories of abuse or that it was relevant. Instead they ask

"Is it true that psycho-analysis no longer heals from the beginning?"

what did she do to seduce her father!"

Dr Herman writes: "Historically, when Freud repudiated the theory he repudiated women and went on to elaborate a psychology of man. Sexual and aggressive fantasies of boys and men became the preoccupation of psycho-analysis. . . .

"Founded on the denial of women's real experience, orthodox psycho-analysis became a misogynous psychology, deeply committed to the formation of human development in which women are inherently inferior . . . It is time for psycho-analysis to free itself from the neurotic re-enactment of its history."

This history is likely to remain secret until the year 2230, the final expiry date of the most restricted of scores of crates of Freud papers in the US Library of Congress. The rising clamour among scholars for access to this material has so far been ignored by the Archives' custodians. Their outrage over the Masson apostasy is likely to make them only more guarded.

Given, too, their prior censorship of the Fliess letters, one cannot help wondering just what secrets Father Freud does have hidden away. . . .



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Nicholas de Jongh on the American lifeline which could save a London theatre

Courtship across the Atlantic

THE ROYAL Court theatre, which is to receive no increase at all this year in its Arts Council grant, has been thrown a lifeline which could save its studio auditorium, the Theatre Upstairs.

The lifeline comes in the form of a remarkable offer and challenge from Joe Papp, New York's best-regarded director/producer.

Papp, who runs the Public Theatre in New York and whose range stretches from the musical Chorus Line to Sam Shepard's Curse of the Starving Class, is offering the Royal Court an indefinite income of $50,000 a year provided that the Court can achieve an equivalent sum from private sources in Britain.

"I think we can raise it," Matthew Evans, chairman of the English Stage Company at the Royal Court says. "And what we've got to do now is to raise a great deal more than that. But it's very encouraging that Max Stafford-Clark (the Royal Court's artistic director) is going out looking for money and getting it."

Papp's challenge is, therefore, likely to save the Court from its immediate financial problems. It also gives just the kind of transatlantic boost to the Royal Court which is necessary: Anglo-American companies know Papp as a liberal realist, a successful artistic businessman whose office at the Public Theatre has virtually had to expand to accommodate the awards he has collected.

Papp's challenge will also cause frissons of surprise at the Arts Council where a year ago the most influential people were set upon discontinuing the grant in aid to the Court. Sir William Rees-Mogg, chairman of the Arts Council, Tony Field, then financial director, and Richard Pulford, deputy secretary general, saw no case for subsidising the Court.

They believed that the Court had had its day and that its significance and value as the prime forum for new dramatic writing had dwindled. they appeared to regard other fringe theatres as the Court's natural heirs and pointed to the fact that the Court, lacking any local subsidy, required £60,000 which could be usefully spent elsewhere.

It was only after an outbreak of anger and amazement in the theatre world that they were forced to change their minds. However, the Court was warned that it would have to find an alternative source of income. Sir William was even hopeful that the Tory-held borough of Kensington and Chelsea could be persuaded to contribute to the Court. It was a vain hope and all negotiations failed.

So at the beginning of the 1985/86 year the Court has only £503,000 (its standstill ACGB Council grant) and £30,000 from the Greater London Council with inflation running at just under 5 per cent.

Papp, who has been exchanging productions with the Royal Court stepped in because he believes the Court is "the most important theatre in London, and the best, both in terms of artistic design as well as the work itself." Stafford-Clark told him that since 1975 the theatre had had to reduce the number of its solo productions from nine in the Theatre Upstairs and eight in the main house to four in both auditoria.

Papp responded with his offer. He will raise the funds by founding an American Friends of the Royal Court in New York, where Royal Court productions have been resoundingly successful—Tom and Viv by Michael Hastings sold out for its entire run within 72 hours.

"The Court is really very poor," he said yesterday, speaking at the Royal Court which he is visiting as part of a trip to London. "It's having to pay ridiculous salaries—virtually nothing to playwrights—and people are making sacrifices in the name of art."

The exchanges between the Royal Court and the Public Theatre are also to continue. This August the Court will present Tracers, a work which has been created by six combat veterans from the Vietnam war and Wallace Shawn's Aunt Dan and Lemon, both Public Theatre productions, while the Court will send two of its own plays to New York.

Papp points out that the Royal Court and the Royal Shakespeare Company are the two best known English companies—the National trails far behind. Stafford Clark says, "It's exhilarating to go to New York and be appreciated at a different level."

The possibility of Anglo-American companies, with offices in England, responding to Papp's challenge looks fairly good. In the past the Court has not managed to persuade any private company to sponsor its work, apart from Rank Xerox, which helped with a young writers' festival. It now looks as if Rank Xerox may be prepared to pick up Papp's challenge.

Papp himself is puzzled by Arts Council's reluctance to fund the Court more generously—and he speaks as a man who runs his own theatre with a mere 7 per cent from Federal funds. "It would have greater recognition in the USA, even though the Court plays are left of centre. It would be recognised for its artistic excellence," he says.



Joe Papp

Edward Greenfield welcomes a neglected Mahler and other new releases

Glade tidings

ONE of the few Mahler works neglected on record is the early cantata, Das Klagende Lied—in the composer's view "the first work in which I became Mahler." The resurrection of the first part of the work, as originally written, Waldmärchen, Forest Legend, telling of a sinister fratricide behind the legend of the "singing bone," has more than ever established that view.

So far the only complete recording was from Pierre Boulez and the LSO (CBS), now twice deleted. The new one will not disappear like that, for with his City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Chorus Simon Rattle directs a performance which like Boulez's brings out the astonishing originality of this work by a 20-year-old but also adds urgency, colour and warmth (HMV EL 27 0136 1).

The electricity of Rattle as a recording conductor has rarely been more strikingly illustrated. It is not just a question of his dynamism but of his ability to convey deeper, more thoughtful qualities. So the final section, Wedding Piece, after starting with superb swagger in the celebration music, is gripping in the minstrel's sinister narration and ends in the darkest concentration on a mezzo-soprano solo beautifully sung by Alfreda Hodgson.

Amazingly HMV has squeezed the whole cantata on a single disc with the sound on side 2 (lasting some 37 minutes) still very vivid, thin only in the off-stage party music. The characterful team of soloists is completed with Helena Döse, Robert Tear and Sean Ren.

Some nine years after Mahler another then unrecognised composer, Edward Elgar, also tackled a cantata about the age of knights and minstrels with an unexpected sting in it. The Black Knight may not have the originality of the Mahler work, but the language is just as distinctive of its composer, and the confidence is if anything even greater. So a first recording is very welcome indeed.

It comes from Rattle's first conducting mentor, Sir Charles Groves, with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and Choir (HMV EL 27 0157 1), and after a subdued start it also conveys the necessary electricity. Not for Elgar the neurotic self-searching which the Longfellow text, for all its period courtliness, might have inspired in a Mahler. Even so I suspect that for the English oratorio audience of the 1890s it concluded too gloomily, dispelling the soaring confidence of the opening scenes.

A colourful fill-up to this "Symphony for Chorus and Orchestra" (Elgar's misleading description) are three early Elgar part-songs, including two for women's voices to words by his bride, Alice, one of them most memorable, Fly singing bird.

Now that all of Mahler's symphonies are available in the new medium of compact disc (including Rattle's version of the completed Tenth in the Deryck Cooke edition) I have been sampling and reassessing. Surprisingly one of the last to appear has been no. 5, normally regarded as among the most popular with its colourful Wunderhorn themes and optimistic close.

Decca has generously squeezed this 70-minute work on a single CD with the 1970 recording given by Sir Georg Solti and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (414 321-2). This readily matches in brilliance and clarity of sound the other more recent recordings in Solti's Chicago cycle.

Comparing a series of Solti's Mahler recordings on CD (nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9 already available) with different ones in the emergent Abbado series on DG, Haitink on Philips and Tennstedt on HMV, I have been surprised how in the clearer medium the brighter, more forward Chicago sound has an extra impact in realism, immediacy and definition.

Solti in no. 4 is disappointing, lacking sparkle and charm even with Kiri Te Kanawa as soloist, and there I would certainly prefer both Tennstedt (with Lucia Popp) and Haitink (with Roberta Alexander).

In some ways Tennstedt has the final advantage, for the HMV recordings (nos. 2 and 6 are also available on CD) has just as much body and impact as the Solti Chicago sound but with greater warmth to match the more romantically expressive readings. No. 6 is particularly impressive (CDS 7 47003).

It is sad that Tennstedt has been delayed over recording the most problematic of the series, no. 8, the so-called Symphony of a Thousand. In the meantime I hope that Decca, as in no. 5, will refurbish for CD the 1970s sound of Solti's magnificent reading recorded with the Chicago orchestra in Vienna.

CONCERT DATES

Howarth/London Sinfonietta/Paul Crossley (Logan Hall tonight 7.30 pm). The Contemporary Music Network is presenting the Sinfonietta in performances of Messiaen's epic Des Canyons aux etoiles in nine different centres, startin with this London performance.

Skrowaczewski/Halle/Michael Collins (Festival Hall, tonight 7.30pm). The brilliant young clarinettist, Michael Collins, is soloist in Weber's Clarinet Concerto No.2. Also in the programme Britten's Sinfonia da Requiem and Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

Maazel/BBC SO (Festival Hall, Friday 7.30pm). Maazel's first London concert in some years: just one work Mahler's Seventh Symphony, still the least appreciated of the cycle.

Rattle/Philharmonia/Chung (Festival Hall, Sunday 7.30pm). The collaboration of Simon Rattle and Kyung-Wha Chung in the Beethoven Violin Concerto should be illuminating. Also in the programme Berlioz's Roman Carnival and Sibelius's Second Symphony, which Rattle has just recorded.

Imogen Cooper (Wigmore Hall, Sunday 3.30pm). In a series of four concerts (others on Wednesdays in March) Imogen Cooper tackles the piano works of Schubert's last six years. This first of the series has the Sonatas in C (D. 840) and A (D. 959) as well as the Impromptus D.935.

TELEVISION

Hugh Hebert

EastEnders



Anita Dobson as Louise Beale

IT WASN'T exactly like first looking into Chapman's Homer or turning to page one of War and Peace, but you have to say the BBC did its best to make the start of its new twice-weekly soap EastEnders go with a bang. Episode one began with a boot smashing through a wooden door, and ended with a fist shattering a glass one. In Albert Square, London E.20, it's surer and cheaper to leave your door open, which is maybe how the East End got its legendary reputation for chumminess. "In the old days," as Ethel says, "We may 'ave 'ad fleas, but we knew our neighbours."

These days, it seems, old Reg can sink out of ken for several days before anyone notices, and then the alarm is raised by newcomers, the Pakistani shopkeepers who don't yet know dall from peasc pudden'. Still, once there is alarm round here, they really know how to raise it.

Den and Arthur kick in Reg's door and find him slumped with what they take to be a touch of the old dodgy strawberry: a dash for the doctor, and GP and ambulance beat even Ethel and Louise to the scene of the crisis. Which is going some in Albert Square, Lou being a kind of Ena Sharples with snakes under the helmet. "I'm the only bugger that cares!" she roars, and everyone takes cover. EastEnders has all the standard ingredients of successful soap opera, a pub, shops, a dynastic family, and quarrels 10 hours a day.

So it's pretty much as expected, Coronation Street with added abrasives and a Cockney accent, and at that level it's a good professional stab at the task; and it looks a lot more realistic than Granada's apparently endless saga, which has got soft and sluggish lately. The pity is that after all this time, and all that thought, and all those discarded ideas down the pan, what we have is another me-too soap.

True, the mixture of races and classes is a bit more exotic, the ingredients include an extra pinch of this and a sniff of the other, but it will probably take a year before anyone knows whether the BBC has got it right. If they have, by then the people you feel you couldn't bear to live with right now may have become the people you can't live without. Tuesday and Thursday nights, on into the next century.

SHAW

Michael Billington

The Garden Of England

WHATEVER the arguments about the conduct of the coal-dispute, there is no denying the dogged tenacity of the striking miners and their families. And Peter Cox's The Garden of England, which 7:84 (England) have brought to the Shaw after a tour of the pit areas, is a piece of cheerful, celebratory propaganda based on research into the Kent mining community. It is neither subtle nor many-sided (why should it be?). But it is highly enjoyable and at the end was ringingly endorsed by a striking miner's wife with a cry of "This play is true."

It is set not on the picket-lines but in the miners' welfare-club after a particularly riotous talent-night and pays tribute to those who have fought to keep the strike going on principle: in particular, the once-quiet wives who have been turned into public speakers and the catering-corps who have supplied 400 meals a day to the hungry.

And the point it makes time and time again, as the five characters find themselves barricaded by the police as if it were a reverse Assault on Precinct 13, is that once the strike is over nothing will ever be quite the same. The cops will not be trusted. The wives will not be content with the role of kitchen-slaves. And the antipathy between strikers and working miners will be hard to overcome.

No-one could accuse the play of dialectical complexity. Picket-line violence is attributed solely to "Maggie Thatcher's boot-boys." And the numerous songs (to highly tuneful music by Paul Abrahams) are on the lines of "One law for the rich, one law for the poor." But the value of the play is that it pinpoints the anger and frustration the strike has caused.

There may be a touch of wilful blindness to reality about the final hand-clapping chant of "We will win" (readily backed by a committed audience). But, although the play is hardly high art, it is by no means unilluminating (it reminds us that the Kent mines were originally peopled by men blacklisted in other areas); and John Burrows's lively production gets suitably engagé performances from Pip Donaghy as the sprout-peeling club manager, Linda Broughton as his once-mousey spouse and Eve Bland as an activist-wife who turned to jelly at the prospect of addressing 8,000 Belgian workers.

This review appeared in later editions yesterday

TAUNTON

Allen Saddler

She Stoops To Conquer

GOLDSMITH'S She Stoops to Conquer is a comedy of manners. Town and country manners. Bad manners from the two travellers, Marlow and Hastings, when they think their host is an innkeeper. Easy familiarity with the daughter of the house when they think she is a barmaid. (The twist is that the daughter prefers this approach to the usual dull formalities.) The larky Tony Lumpkin emerges as the hero because he stands astride the class division.

Goldsmith mocks the rigid snobbery of the day but there is little malice in the play. Inside the basic framework there are several plot lines, ingeniously kept on the boil with a light touch.

The production by the Oxford Playhouse Company on tour to the Brewhouse, Taunton, concentrates on fun and frolic. This is English theatre at its best. Stylish and confident, clean and clear, and yet taken at a gallop, with even scene-shifting elevated into a comic ballet.

The acting is at a uniformly high standard. Imelda Staunton is bubbly and cuddly as Kate Hardcastle, teasing the life out of Rob Spendlove as Marlow. The first interview between these two is a delightful picture of social embarrassment. Kevin Whatley's ruddy-faced Lumpkin bring a breath of country air, tramping down social conventions with cheerful insouciance.

ELIZABETH HALL

Meirion Bowen

Fires Of London

THE FIRES of London club sandwich — which was served up with impressive panache under the supervision of Howard Williams — contained both familiar and novel ingredients; layers of harmonically spicy Gesualdo interspersed with synthetically textured Maxwell Davies; an intriguing new offering — presumably intended for weightwatchers — from Richard Emsley, topped by some meaty Elliot Carter; and, to begin and end, Purcell realised by the Orkney Spike Jones.

Intentionally or not, Emsley and Carter juxtaposed neatly, the one almost a microcosm for the other. In Emsley's score, entitled . . . from swerve of shore to bend of bay . . . (a line out of Finnegan's Wake), the thematic material and its various colourings discharged well their function, in setting no fluctuations between performance and change.

In the course of its cyclic construction, the listener's ear was constantly caught by its well-focused musical ideas and delivery. For once, there wes no sense of a commissioned composer being inhibited by the standard mixed instrumentation of the Fires, and the performance here sounded grateful and committed.

Carter's extended solo piano composition, Night Fantasies, took such flexibility of mood and formal permutation onto a grander scale. In this performance by Stephen Pruslin the kaleidoscopic profusion of pianistic detail was brilliantly realised, but the underlying three-phase format (exposition, scherzo and development) was not so well projected.

FESTIVAL HALL

Michael John White

Amsterdam PO/Handley

NOT TO be confused with Bernard Haitink's orchestra, the Amsterdam Philharmonic is nonetheless based at the Concertgebouw and should be fairly familiar to English audiences from its two previous concert tours here.

This Festival Hall date came in mid-run of a third; and the programme might have been designed to demonstrate the orchestra's massive solemnity in dealing with romantic repertoire.

The sound was well oiled but exceptionally dence — a factor making for impressive and attractive weight in heavily scored passages but tending to swallow up the delicacy of, for example, the middle movement in the Dvorak cello concerto or the natural vigour of the tramping motif in the finale of the same work. A lot of meat here, but not much muscle to drive it along.

Nor was there obvious articulation in the progress of the Mastersingers Overture, despite the brisk efficiency of Vernon Handley's stick technique which seemed to indicate that he at least appreciated bow, at such a broad-spread tempo, the details need crisper pointing to maintain interest.

Interest in the Dvorak focused on the soloist Moray Welsh, whose constantly high profile in performance counteracted all the standard reservations about cellos as concerto instruments. Welsh is, in the best sense of the word, a reliable performer with a firm unfrivolous technique and rock solid intonation even in the highest registers and under the duress of fevered double-stopping.







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First Brazil, then Mexico, now Argentina—will the debt crisis never go away?



NOTEBOOK

Edited by Peter Rodgers

BRAZIL falls out with the International Monetary Fund, rumours surface that Mexico is in new disagreement with its creditors and now Argentina's top two financial men quit unexpectedly.

This all happened over four days, and has caused concern that another crop of Latin American debt problems is about to be exported to international banking centres such as London, after several months of peace in which many bankers have suggested that the crisis is over.

Bernardo Grinspun, the economics minister, who resigned along with the central bank president Enrique Garcia Vasquez, was the Argentine negotiator for the international rescue package agreed with banks and the IMF.

Grinspun did not in fact get on very well with the bankers and was regarded as rather a devious character, so the first inclination among London and New York banks was to regard it as just possibly a piece of good news rather than bad.

The trouble is that most people involved have built up such distrust of Argentina during its rescue negotiations that they always expect the worst. As a straw in the wind, Mr Grinspun's successor as economy minister, Mr Juan Sourrouille, has published a recent five year plan for economic growth which emphasises the importance of reducing inflation first Grinspun's biggest domestic failure has been that the inflation rate has gone out of control.

Therefore Sourrouille's appointment might be an attempt to come closer to what the IMF wants, after Grinspun's inability last week to negotiate a policy for reducing inflation with unions and employers.

There is already serious talk among bankers that Argentina has badly missed its IMF set targets for the domestic economy, so that the rescue package could run into trouble. Last week the IMF suspended its loans to Brazil, which could be a precedent.

However, a more cynical view is that it is easier to get rid of Grinspun as a token than to actually do anything about inflation, now running at 776.3 per cent. Even if Argentina sends reassuring messages to the banks that it is not planning to abandon the rescue package, we may have sen in the personnel changes an important symptom of the country's inability to keep its economic promises to the IMF. That in turn could seriously delay final signature of the commercial banks' loan which has been obtained after much effort.

If there is a difference from Brazil it is that Argentina has always been regarded by the banks and the IMF as a special case because of its recent return to democracy.

As long as the banks get the reassurances they are now seeking, the rescue will continue. But it is hard to avoid the conclusion that unsettling news from three Latin American countries in a row is a prelude to a new round of banking scares.

BBC bearing

ACORN is close to making an announcement about its future, and there is a key element in the rescue package to watch out for.

The company has a very special asset. It is the holder of the coveted contract to supply the BBC computer. The contract, which provides the BBC in turn with a stream of royalties, was renegotiated for another four years last July, and includes the supply of an upgraded Model C, for which Acorn has now completed the design.

It is understood that the BBC would prefer to be linked with a British computer company for all the obvious patriotic reasons.

In a separate development, which illustrates how the land lies, Britain's homegrown, highly successful small business computer firm, ACT, confirmed yesterday that it is now holding a "constant dialogue" with the BBC in the longer-term hope of providing a range of BBC-ACT business computers, perhaps aimed at small businessmen. It is not interested in moving to home computers.

Now, clearly, the BBC has a bearing on Acorn's fate. Would it be acceptable for it to place its valuable patronage with Acorn if it were owned by Italian-controlled Olivetti, now increasingly linked with the American multi-national AT & T? Olivetti is thought to be a potential buyer of Acorn, but the BBC may have the whip hand in deciding the company's future.

There is a strong belief that the Acorn-BBC contract includes a "50 per cent clause," allowing it to be renegotiated should the ownership of Acorn change.

This is fairly standard commercial practice in such deals. So Acorn's prime asset is not quite so firmly nailed to its mast as the outside world thinks, and this restricts its room for manoeuvre in the search for a way out of crushing financial problems.

Pension option

THE Chancellor was due to make his traditional pre-budget visit to the Conservative Backbench Finance Committee last night with howls of anguish from the pensions industry ringing in his ears.

Pension funds and insurance companies, fearing they are destined to provide the resources with which the Chancellor can fund income tax cuts, have mounted a vociferous lobby against taxing pension rights. Yesterday the CBI, the Institute of Fiscal Studies, and a couple of senior Tory MP's publicised their opposition to taxing pensions. John Kay of the IFS claimed lyrically to a City audience that if the Chancellor turned to the taxation of pension funds believing it to be a crock of gold, it could equally turn out to be a can of worms.

There are considerable practical difficulties in levying tax on pension funds.

The argument runs something like this: tax lump sums and fewer people will take them. Tax contributions or investment income, and labour costs go up because employers increase contributions to maintain benefits. Not to mention the political flak that is likely to ensure as legislation — if not in principle then inevitably in practice — turns out to be retroactive, hitting benefits that have already been built up.

'Assuming that is the sort of logic Nigel Lawson is prepared to accept, the pensions industry can breathe a sigh of relief and relax. Or can it? There were suggestions yesterday that Tory backbenchers might be prepared to accept a low — say 10 per cent — rate of tax on pensions in return for some other financial quid pro quo.

If that were so it might open the door just enough for future Chancellors (in search of income tax cuts?) to seize on the pensions industry for just a little bit more. A 10 per cent tax could become a 30 per cent one.

Some of the more far-sighted pension funds, if let off this time round, may take the opportunity to make a few radical changes of their own in an attempt to mitigate the threat of future taxation. Reviewing investment strategy — switching into foreign investments and low-yielding securities for example — is one obvious option. No doubt bright fund managers could dream up others.

Customers' complaints could be awarded up to £50,000

Banks to set up ombudsman

By Margareta Pagano
City Correspondent

An independent banking ombudsman with powers to award up to £50,000 on individual customer's complaints is to be set up and funded by 17 high street banks.

The ombudsman, who is expected to be a top lawyer, will be the final arbiter in deciding any complaints from personal bank customers which have exhausted normal grievance procedures. He will have the power to make an award that is binding on a bank but if the customer is still not satisfied he can resort to the courts to take legal action.

All personal banking services will be covered although finance houses, travel and estate agency subsidiaries of the banks are to be left out for the time being.

The most common type of complaints which the banks expect the ombudsman to handle are cases dealing with claims of unjust bank charges, mistakes made by cash-card machines and when banks, acting as executors and trustees, impose excessive charges.

The move was welcomed by the National Consumer Council which acted as the catalyst for the post when it recommended setting up an independent ombudsman after considering customer complaints in a 1983 report. But the banks have actually gone further than the NCC's recommendations by giving the ombudsman powers to grant financial awards.

Ms Rachel Waterhouse, chairman of the NCC's banking services working party, said that research showed that most consumers are satisfied with the service they get from banks and that most errors are quickly corrected.

The banks estimate that 4 to 5 per cent of their 33 million clearing bank customers lodge complaints every year. "Only a tiny proportion of these are unresolved and may be left to the ombudsman," said Mr Bert Morris, of National Westminster and chairman of the ombudsman committee.

"But at the end of the day there are always people who are dissatisfied.

An appointment is expected by the autumn and the scheme should be running by the end of the year. Only complaints received after his appointment will be considered. It is expected to cost about £200,000 a year to run.

Membership of the scheme will be open to any of the 300 recognised banks in the UK The ombudsman will be appointed by an independent council which will have a chairman, two representatives of consumer interests and two from the banking industry. The banks will be represented by a board which in turn appoints the council.

Zoo is Boot's Achilles heel

By Andrew Cornelius

HOPES of higher profits at Henry Boot, the UK civil engineering group, were dashed yesterday by the collapse of a £25 million project to build a new zoo in Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

Boot warned that its expectation of improved prof-



Edward Boot

its for 1984 "must now be in doubt" following the decision to place the joint venture company building the zoo into receivership. The announcement caused Boot shares to plunge by 40p to 275p on the stock market.

The Municipality of Riyadh awarded the zoo contract in 1982 to Intry, a joint venture company created by Boot and its unnamed British partner, a privately-owned civil engineering group.

Boot said that the conditions under which the company had been working for several months "had been intolerable." A combination of unrealistic interim valuations, delayed payments and extended approval periods for design details and materials had disrupted the progress of work, the company said.

Boot pulled its workers off the site of the zoo on January 24 and flew them back to Britain because of the risk of unjustified action against them by the Saudi authorities. The company said that the decision had been forced by the failure to arrange satisfactory conditions for the completion of the contract.

Last night it was not clear whether work on building the new zoo would be continued by another contractor. Boot said that work was well advanced

In the meantime analysts were busy downgrading their forecasts for the group, which made pre-tax profits of £2.1 million in 1983. Mr Edward Boot, the chairman, last year forecast that the 1984 results would show a significant improvement on 1983.

UK non-oil output now back at 1979 peak

By Christopher Huhne,
Economics Editor

A sharp spurt in last year's final quarter has taken the output of the non-oil economy back to the level of its 1979 peak for the first time, preliminary figures from the Central Statistical Office showed yesterday.

National output, including oil and gas, grew by 1 per cent between the third and fourth quarters of 1984 to show a respectable growth for the year as a whole of 2¼ per cent, despite the depressive effects of the coal strike.

The dispute is estimated to have reduced national output by between 1 per cent and 1½ per cent over the year, implying a cost to the economy as a whole (rather than just state finances) of around £3½ billion. Most of this cost is the direct loss of coal output.

This official estimate suggests that the underlying growth rate of output in 1984 was about 3¼ per cent, against the 3 per cent rate in 1983, which deepens the mystery about why such relatively high growth rates should have had so little effect on unemployment.

Part of the answer appears to be the rather slower growth of the non-oil economy where most jobs are: non-oil output grew by 2.2 per cent in 1984 suggesting underlying growth of about 3¼ per cent once the pit strike effects are excluded.

The productivity trend might also have improved, so that more output can be produced with the same people. In addition, many of the new jobs which are being created are being taken by people who were previously excluded from the government's narrow definition of unemployment.

The rise of non-oil output to 0.2 per cent above its level in the second quarter of 1979 now means that all three measures of gross domestic product, which in theory should equal each other but in practice do not, confirm that the non-oil economy is producing more than at the last peak. The expenditure and income measures for the fourth quarter have not yet been released, but the third quarter figures were respectively 1 per cent and 5 per cent above 1979 quarterly peaks.

The latest national output figures have been substantially revised to take account of a new tranche of industrial activity hitherto not shown by the statistics, due to a new register of VAT returns which is thought to provide more accurate recording of small business.

The discovery only affects manufacturing, which accounts for 26¼ per cent of national output.

The revision upwards in the third quarter compared with last month's figures for manufacturing was 1.3 per cent.

BNOC gets £25m to cover loss

By John Hooper,
Energy Correspondent

The Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker, announced yesterday that the Government was planning to set aside another £25 million to cover the trading losses incurred by the British National Oil Corporation. By law, BNOC takes 51 per cent of the output from the North Sea.

Since last autumn when the spot price dipped below the official price, BNOC — which buys at the official price — has been losing heavily on that part of its intake which it disposes of on the open market.

At the end of last year, BNOC was given £45 million to offset its losses. The Government, however, does not lose as much as these figures suggest because something like 80 per cent of the money paid by BNOC to the oil companies over and above the spot price reverts to the Exchequer in taxes.

This time, moreover, the Department of Energy has been able to sweeten the pill for Parliament by offsetting the £25 million for BNOC with £5 million of savings elsewhere. Most of the money saved comes from underspending on off-shore technology research and a now-defunct scheme for encouraging oil companies to buy British supplies.

The Government's motive for keeping the official price above spot levels has been to prevent the collapse in the oil market which had been threatening ever since last summer. Sheikh Yamani and other Opec ministers have repeatedly warned that if Britain breaks ranks with the other big oil producers, as it did last October when the official price for Britain's Brent blend was cut to its present level of $28.65, it will embroil itself in a price war.

But appeals to Parliament for more money are never popular and the Government is also exposed to the charge that by paying the oil companies more than the going price it is, in effect, subsidising big business.

Argentina loan worries

By Margareta Pagano

Banks were seeking urgent confirmation from Argentina yesterday that the $20 billion rescue package being put together with the International Monetary Fund will not be jeopardised by the surprise resignations of the country's economic minister and central bank governor.

Although the banks, led by Citibank of the US and Lloyds International of the UK, have taken the resignations calmly, there is concern that the package may be affected. There was no official explanation from Argentina yesterday over the resignations on Monday of the economic minister, Mr Bernardo Grinspun and the bank governor, Mr Enrique Garcia Vasquez, the country's two highest ranking finance officials.

President Raul Alfonsin's spokesman, Mr Jose Lopez, said yesterday that Mr Grinspun would be replaced by the planning secretary, Mr Juan Sourrouille and Mr Vasquez by the secretary of the interior commerce, Mr Alfredo Concepcion. The new appointments have been interpreted by British banks as a fresh attempt to come to grips with runaway inflation, recorded at 776 per cent over the last year, and to satisfy the IMF that it can bring inflation down to its requirements.

The two men had taken the lead in debt negotiations with the banks and only last December had successfully completed an outline agreement. But the signing of the final agreement with the banks remais dependent on the country getting full bank commitments for a $4.2 billion new money loan which it needs this year. It must also convince the IMF that it can bring inflation down to 300 per cent by September.

The banks had agreed last week to lend more than $4 billion of the loan.

Dollar storms ahead again

By Margareta Pagano

The dollar raced ahead again on nervous foreign exchanges yesterday despite early morning intervention by the German Bundesbank which only briefly checked its advance.

Sterling was the only European currency to stand up against the dollar. After dropping to $1.0880 the pound recovered by eight points to close at $1.0925. It also gained against the mark and franc and the effective index against the basket of currencies showed a 0.4 rise to 71.6.

At the start of trading the dollar surged ahead against the German mark from 3.2945 to 3.3190. this prompted the first wave of Bundesbank sales in bites of $5 million to $10 million of $50 million, but were considered by dealers to be only part of a "smoothing" operation in thin trading.

German banking sources dismissed dealers' reports that dollar sales were as much as $300 million. According to banking sources the Bundesbank was using dollars earned from official reserves held in the US to intervene rather than increasing reserves. This checked the dollar back to 3.2865 but it immediately moved ahead again

Dealers are clearly waiting for the US Federal Reserve to make a determined effort to halt the dollar's advance and the European banks are reluctant to make any decisive move until the Fed has indicated its support. The market was expecting the dollar to move further ahead in New York after the long weekend.

Big loss for Mail on Sunday

By Maggie Brown

The Mail on Sunday, now selling 1.6 million copies a week, is believed to have lost £18 million for its owners, Associated Newspapers, in the company's last financial year ending on September 30, 1984.

This is only a modest improvement on the estimated losses of £20 million run up in the previous year, when it was established.

Mr Michael Shields, managing director of Associated, said yesterday after the company's annual meeting that there had, however, been a "dramatic improvement" during the four months of sales since then. But the paper would continue to lose money in 1985, its third year of operation, albeit at a lesser rate.

"There is no reason why it should not make money in 1986," he added. A key factor in its losses, not broken down in the accounts, is the heavy promotional costs run up in gaining it a readership.

Advertising the Mail on Sunday is the major cost in driving the company's newspaper promotion bills up to £15 million during 1984, and a large component in its losses.

Associated, joint owners with Trafalgar House of the Evening Standard, London's sole evening newspaper after the closure of the Evening News four years ago, is clearly unhappy with the arrangement. It would like to buy out Trafalgar's stake, but is being blocked by Lord Matthews, deputy chairman of the company and chairman of Fleet Holdings, the rival Daily Express publishers.

Market place for businesses

By Andrew Cornelius

A group of Britain's top firms of accountants and solicitors have joined forces to provide a new market place for buying and selling businesses and raising funds for business development.

The initiative, the Business Exchange, is being supported by 22 leading firms including Deloitte Haskins Sells, Thomson McLintock, and Arthur Anderson & Co. It marks the latest in a series of moves by the two professions to respond to the increasingly competitive financial service environment.

Member firms are paying an annual fee of between £4,000 and £7,000 each to join the exchange, while clients taking advantage of the service will pay an arrgangement fee of about £24,400 on a £1 million transaction.

Mr Douglas Llambias, a chartered accountant and managing director of the exchange, said that the scheme had worked successfully for three months on a pilot basis. Companies, organisations and individuals wishing to take advantage of the scheme must be sponsored by one of the 22 exchange members.

Proposals are then carefully vetted by specialist partners in the firms and by the exchange, which has hired its own team of experts to act as consultants.

The experts include Mr Patrick Brenan, who was called in by the Bank of England to help in the rescue of Johnson Matthey last year.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Falwyn new offer

THE stakes in the bidding for the Hong Kong shipping and property group, Wheelock Marden, were increased again yesterday, when Falwyn, the investment vehicle of Malaysian businessman, Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, tabled a new HK$2.4 billion (£282 million) takeover offer.

Tan Sri Khoo's bid is in response to Saturday's HK$2.1 billion bid by Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, a group controlled by shipping magnate, Sir Y. K. Pao. This in turn had followed the opening HK$1.9 billion shot by Falwyn last Thursday.

Falwyn yesterday claimed to have pushed up its interest in Wheelock Marden, one of the oldest of the Colony's "hong" trading companies, to 24 per cent of the voting shares, which includes the 13.5 per cent owned by the group's chairman, Mr John Marden.

The Falwyn interest remains below the holding now under Sir Y. K. Pao's wing, however, and Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown is expected to reply almost immediately with a new and decisive bid.

STC has appointed a Mandarin-fluent old Etonian as project manager for its telecommunications sales to China. Mr Simon Rodwell, aged 36, (below), formerly with the British Aerospace, will be based in Hong Kong.



Dunlop in £140m rights rescue plan

By James Erlichman,
Chemicals Correspondent

Dunlop unveiled the outline of its new rescue package yesterday with a promise from chairman Sir Michael Edwardes that existing shareholders will no longer face a dilution of their equity.

It is understood that the revised reconstruction package will offer shareholders a rights issue to raise all of the £140 million which the rubber and tyre group wants to bolster its finances and fight off the £33 million takeover bid now on the table from the industrial combine, BTR.

The rights issue will be underwritten by City institutions which may also include some of the 53 banks which are currently propping up the struggling group.

Since it is most unlikely that all shareholders will subscribe, the institutions will effectively support the group by purchasing the shares left over. The banks, which originally offered to swap £70 million of their debt for equity, are also likely to end up holding some Dunlop shares in return for cancelled loans.

In its final form, therefore, the new rescue package may not look very different from the plan that was blocked two weeks ago by BTR which bought enough Dunlop preference shares to veto the arrangement. But Dunlop's small shareholders, whose loyalty Sir Michael desperately needs, may be appeased. The new issue price is likely to exceed the 14p previously offered.

BTR's £33 million bid closes tomorrow with no hope of success because Dunlop shares stand at more than double the 21p offer price. But BTR is expected either to extend or raise its bid before the deadline on Thursday.

Ulster visits up

From Bob Rodwell
in Belfast

The tourist industry in Northern Ireland is gearing up for an expected one million visitors to the province this year and a revenue of more than £100 million. With nearly 9,500 employees, tourism is one of Ulster's three largest industries.

Confidently predicting the record figures yesterday were NIO Minister of State Dr Rhodes Boyson and the chairman of the NI Tourist Board, Sir John Swinson.

They presided jointly at the publication of a discussion document by Stormont's Department of Economic Development and the NITB. The discussion paper will be followed in June by a conference of all tourist interests at which a future development plan for the industry will be evolved.

Last year's figure of 930,000 visitors and revenue of more than £80 million were well above the estimates of international consultants who only three years ago forecast that tourism in Ulster would reach a ceiling of only about 750,000 visitors a year.

Future for gold

A group of financial backers will decide by the end of this month on whether to proceed with the first steps in organising a new gold futures market in Amsterdam. A similar market in London recently failed through lack of support.

Officials of the European Options Exchange said yesterday that potential financial backers had been studying the feasibility of the project for more than a year.

The EOE, which already sponsors trading in gold options within its walls, would provide about half the initial operating costs of the new futures market, officials said. According to Tjerk Westerterp, EOE general director, and other officials of the exchange, the first operational step for the new market would be the establishment of a two-year pilot programme under which half-kilo contract volumes of gold denominated in guilders would be traded.

The pilot programme would begin in April and run for two years. The EOE officials said that if developed, the new gold futures exchange would operate independently.—AP-DJ.

Reprieve for bright eyes

By James Erlichman

The eyes of live rabbits, now routinely used by the drug and cosmetics industry to test the safety of new products, could be saved further pain if a new technique being developed by researchers in Leicester proves successful.

The controversial Draize test still exposes 15,000 rabbits a year in Britain alone to potential suffering, even though many scientists doubt its validity and animal rights groups vehemently object to its cruelty. Yet smearing suspected irritants into the eyes of rabbits remains the only legal way to test and market new drugs and cosmetics which get near the human eye.

Researchers at Leicester Polytechnic are now using the corneas of dead cattle taken from slaughterhouses to perform the same tests humanely.

"The Draize test remains hopelessly subjective and desperately unreliable even though it has been in use for 40 years," said Dr Colin Muir, a pharmacologist who heads the Leicester team. "So far our method has proved numerically more accurate and is obviously more humane because the cattle have been slaughtered anyway."

His work is being funded by the Dr Hadwen Trust, one of the charities which searches for alternative methods to avoid animal research. The corneas of the cattle are placed in a perspex chamber and subjected to various concentrations of common chemicals. By using a beam of light the researchers can accurately measure how quickly the corneas go opaque in reaction to the irritants.

Drug and cosmetic companies, which wish to avoid the adverse publicity which the Draize test has caused, have sunk millions of dollars worldwide into attempts to find alternatives.

But Home Office regulations still require the use of live rabbits which are favoured because they are docile, cheap and have relatively large eyes which can be observed easily.

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch soaps and shampoos giant, confirmed yesterday that its own scientists were trying new methods.

Industrial sources believe that Dr Muir's work is highly promising. But so far he has conducted tests on only 13 chemicals and they believe many hurdles must be overcome—not least convincing the authorities that the Draize test can be scrapped.

But Dr Muir hopes his method will be taken up by others now and used in early pre-market trials to spare the suffering of many rabbits, even while the Draize test stands as the final proof of a new product's safety.

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London's job creation agency poses ministers a problem. Michael Smith reports

Testing time for public enterprise

ANOTHER tricky little problem has landed on the desks of Patrick Jenkin and Kenneth Baker, the ministerial supremos atthe Department of Environment.

Jenkin and Baker's latest headache, which gives them only a brief pause from the problems of rate-capping and abolition of the metropolitan councils, centres on the Greater London Enterprise Board, the offbeat industrial and job creation agency set up by the doomed Greater London Council.

The GLEB has put the ministers on the spot by asking for £20 million of new money from the GLC to fund the next important stage of its development and set the agency on a more secure long-term footing.

A joint GLC/GLEB delegation, led by Ken Livingstone, met the ministers, under the ministers' own abolition measures, the GLC has to win government approval for spending even small sums of money.

In conventional terms, there would seem to be no chance of the government sanctioning more GLC expenditure on a socialist concept like the GLEB little more than a year before the government itself abolishes the GLC.

In so many ways, though, the GLEB defies convention and it should be no surprise if Jenkin and Baker approved the GLC funding of the board.

The reason for ignoring convention is simple — the GLEB works.

Set up in 1982 by the GLC, the agency aims to create new and permanent jobs through the encouragement of socially conscious enterprise. There is a particularly strong emphasis on promoting worker co-operatives and minority groups.

Its performance speaks for itself and helps explain why the agency is attracting so much attention from people both in Britain and abroad.

Since its inception, the GLEB has invested directly in almost 200 specific projects, creating over 3,000 new jobs that would not have otherwise existed. In addition the GLEB reckons that work has been created for around 2,500 construction employees in the process, while its own thriving industrial property arm has carved out enough places to eventually provide work for up to 9,000 people.

The GLEB boasts that between 5,000 and 6,000 people are now employed in London as a result of its strategy, a modest but valuable contribution to a community where 400,000 people are unemployed.

So far, the GLEB has been given close on £100 million of money to fund its particular style of job creation — some £60 million in the past two years from the GLC and £40 million from private sources.

This means that each new job is costing the ratepayer around £4,000, substantially below the average £35,000 per job which the national programme of regional aid has cost the taxpayer in the past decade.

The GLEB has not yet perfected the art of infallibility but its failure rate is remarkably loy. Only 12 of its near 200 direct investments have so far gone to the wall and the biggest single bad debt is likely to cost no more than £300,000 from the total two-year outlay of £100 million.

However, the plea for new funds for 1985/86 has come at a crucial time for the GLEB, which believes that after the initial launch period, it is now poised to grow and expand. Moreover it is swinging considerable support behind it from private sector sources.

Against this background, the GLEB is seeking £20 million extra finance from the GLC for 1985/86 and drawing up fresh plans for an even larger injection of funds from the private sector.

For a start, the GLEB expects to generate anywhere between £5 million and £10 million from the EEC in the coming year and may pull off a coup which even Jenkin and Baker should admire if ambitious plans to raise another £30 million from City financial institutions should materialise. Clearly, though, the fresh tranche of £20 million from the GLC will be crucial to any hopes that the GLEB may have of raising money from the institutions.

Without the extra funding, the GLEB would have to exist on income from its current portfolio of investments and severely curtail its activities. For Jenkin and Baker the dilemma is that while they may not like the looks of the GLEB, the agency is doing what it set out to do —create jobs.

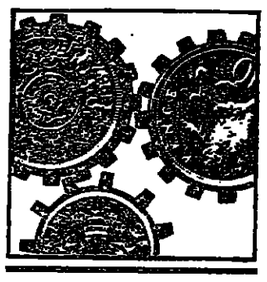
GLEB has worked enthusiastically at nurturing employment in socially useful enterprises like energy conservation, while at the same time providing funds, expertise and accommodation for new skills and technologies.

The big question, though, is whether the GLEB will get the GLC money approved by Jenkin and Baker.

Perhaps the key point is that, under the abolition legislation, the Government would have to show that they had "reasonable cause" to cut off funding, which implies that it may be difficult for the environment duo to say no.



A problem for Patrick Jenkin (left) and another fight for Ken Livingstone



ECONOMICS AGENDA

Sue Ward

Will the Chancellor brave the wrath of the pension funds?

WITH a month to go before the budget, we are deep into the lobbying season. Special interests who think they are threatened by proposals or rumours of proposals for changed tax treatment are working hard. No-one has been fiercer this year in defending their empire than the pension funds and the life insurance industry.

There have been strong rumours since the autumn that the Chancellor is thinking of taxing occupational pension schemes, which are highly privileged at the moment.

The sums involved are very large and tempting. There is about £130 billion altogether in pension funds, who pay no tax on their investment income. Contributions, both from employers and employees, have full tax relief. When the pension emerges at the other end, part of it can be turned into a lump sum which is entirely tax fre, so long as it is not more than 1½ times a person's final earnings.

The tax relief on the lump sum alone is estimated to be worth at least £990 million, while recent Inland Revenue figures produced a total for all the other tax reliefs of round about £6 billion though it stressed that these were tentative figures, and probably involve some double counting. There is nothing like that amount of money available to go into the Chancellor's pocket.

Any blanket change in the legislation would in effect be retrospective, because it would affect benefits that had built up over a number of years. Both the Treasury and the financial institutions are opposed to retrospection in principle, so some sort of transitional arrangements would need to be worked out.

The pension schemes have in any case grown to the size and shape they are now largely because of the tax privileges. If these were no longer available, people would change their behaviour.

Some schemes would close down — a survey by Gallup for the Life Offices Association suggested that for 27 per cent of employees this was a real possibility. Others would start operating in different ways.

The point about retrospection can be seen most easily by looking at the lump sum, which builds up cumulatively. In most schemes, for each year you have been a member, you are allowed to take 3/80ths of your final earnings in cash. If the Chancellor suddenly taxes that cash, therefore, he's taxing yesterday's and last year's expectations, as well as today's.

In order to get round such retrospection, the relief on life assurance premia was withdrawn on all new policies, leaving existing ones unchanged. To do this for pension schemes, however, would mean that only new entrants — who are not going to retire for 40 years — would be affected. And 40 years is a long time for any Chancellor to wait for money.

Nigel Lawson appears in any case to have boxed himself in. He told the Commons in December that noone need retire early because of fears about their lump sum.

Apparently this was because of particular pressure from senior police officers, a very important group for the Government just now. The statement, though designed to be reassuring, has only convinced the industry that he is thinking of taxing other elements instead.

Other options would be to tax either contributions, or the investment income of the funds. The Institute of Fiscal Studies (IFS) was commissioned by the National Association of Pension Funds to investigate the possibilities, and their report, published last week, said that relatively little tax would actually be raised. Moreover, employers' contributions are not taxed, because they are a business cost like paying wages, rather than a pension privilege.

If contributions to a funded scheme were made taxable, the employer could close the funded scheme and pay the pension directly out of company revenue instead. Some people think this would not be a bad thing, but it would dry up an important source of funds for industrial investment.

Mr Lawson could end the tax relief on employees' contributions. Many schemes would then switch to being "non contributory." That is, the employer would pay the whole cost. It would probably also kill off any market for the "personal pensions" the Department of Health and Social Security is trying to promote for the sake of job mobility. Another idea is to tax the employer's contributions as a benefit in the hands of the employee.

Apart from being extremely unpopular, the difficulty would be working out what precisely the pension cost was for any one person. The actuaries set an average rate as a percentage of payroll. If the Inland Revenue were to start taxing contributions, "unbuuding" them would mean, in effect, dividing the pension fund among all its members.

There remains the idea of taxing the investment income. Investments have been made on the basis that they will be sufficient to cover the benefits already promised. So only the future income ought to be taxed, to be fair. It would be possible to separate this out, but not easy.

Since the costings of pension schemes have been done on the basis that there is no tax due, putting a tax on will throw all their budgets out. According to the Institute of Fiscal Studies, a 30 per cent tax could mean increasing contributions by 30 per cent, or reducing benefits by 28 per cent to keep the contributions the same.

What the lobby do not say, though, is that the funds are currently doing better financially than they have ever done. With interest rates, both real and nominal, extremely high, and large numbers of early leavers, many pension funds are showing huge actuarial surpluses.

In one sense this is not real money; it is calculated on the basis of long term estimates rather than cash in the bank. Despite their huffing and puffing, though, the funds could probably take a 10 per cent "windfall profits tax" in their stride.

It's a fair chance that if Mr Lawson decides to brave the wrath of the pension funds at all, he will combine a one-off levy with a long-term phasing in of changes in the treatment of investments by pension funds.

Sue Ward is a research fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford, and formerly worked as a TUC adviser on pensions.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

GENERAL

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK
Borough Development Department

ASSISTANT WOMEN'S PROJECT OFFICER
£10 508 to £10 908 (SO1)*

Southwark Council has set up a women's Project Team in the Department's Employment and Training Division, Research, Economic Development and Recreation. The Council is now advertising for a Women's Project Officer to undertake responsibility for its existing projects and to work with others to generate further initiatives.

An Assistant Women's Project Officer is required to work with the Women's Project Officer in developing and supporting employment and training initiatives for local women particularly for black women. This will involve consultation and campaigning work, including contact with a wide variety of voluntary groups and statutory bodies and close liaison with black women's organisations. Current areas of work include non-traditional skills training for women, homeworking, child care, and access to training and other facilities for black women.

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Please quote reference G 4 5260 and job title.

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PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT
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Application forms for the above post (return by March 8 1985) from Personnel Department, Peterborough City Council, Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough PE1 1HG. Tel. (0733) 63131, ext. 458/388.

London Borough of Ealing

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Further details and application forms are available from the Personnel Officer, Town Hall, Halifax, West Yorkshire. Tel. 0422 57251 ext 306 or 308. If you would like an informal discussion please contact John Blackburn Tel. 0422 57251 ext 214.

Closing date: March 8 1985.

North West Thames Regional Health Authority

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT TEAM LEADER
Scale 9 — £9,367-£11,362

This vacancy has arisen following the retirement of the present post holder. The post is responsible for the establishment of the Regional Supplies Division and is responsible to officers at Harefield Hospital in West London. In the near future the post is to be transferred to the staff of the Divisional Supplies Officer, Hillingdon HA1. Duties will include organisation of capital expenditure responsibilities.

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Informal inquiries can be made to Telephonist Peter Pollard on 01-724 6988 ext 125.

Application form and job description available from the Regional Personnel Officer, North West Thames Regional Health Authority, 40 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 3QR. Tel. 01-262 3011, ext. 241 (Answerphone). Quoting reference number 89. Closing date March 6 1985.

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Central Birmingham Health Authority

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Application form from Senior Personnel Officer, District Offices,
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TGWU's model forecast for car workers' future

Ken Graves looks at a union's efforts to help its members

BRITAIN'S biggest trade union, the Transport and General Workers Union, is the first in the country to use a computer-based forecasting model to test out union policy objectives to a specific industry, the motor industry, and test the validity of such policy options.

The forecasts, on paper, do indicate that both output and employment growth are potentially achievable with the right mix of trade union policies, contrary to establishment predictions, but the union is very conscious that coming up with a theoretically viable policy is one thing, getting the motor industry to adopt it, particularly with a monetarist government in control, is quite another.

Our motor industry, more than any other sector of the economy, has generated perhaps the greatest volume of statistical material, analysis and comment at government, business and academic levels and this wealth of information, normally used by the business world, has been raided by the union to try out policies the multinationals would abhor.

It was under the sponsorship of the Greater London Council, keen to know the future for Ford at Dagenham, that the work was carried out by the Trade Union Research Unit, of Ruskin College, with whom the TGWU has a close relationship, and the forecasting model was developed by Oxford Economic Forecasting (OEF), one of Britain's leading economic forecasting organisations, based at the Oxford Centre for Management Studies.

The OEF Base Forecast combined key trends such as output, new car registrations, imports, exports, price changes, employment, productivity, etc., and produced a forecast of the industry's performance through to 1988.

The Base Forecast represented what can be expected to happen to the industry, annually, in the absence of any significant policy change or major external event, such as a sudden devaluation or a further significant increase in the price of oil. In addition to the Base Forecast six well-established trade union policy options were run asking the model "What if" questions. The six options were:

1. Reducing the share of imported cars progressively to no more than 35 per cent of the new car registration by 1988. So that import share was reduced to 50 per cent in 1985, 45 in 1986, 40 in 1987 and 35 in 1988.

2. Reducing the share of imported Japanese cars to 3 per cent of the market by imposing this year the same import quota in the Japanese as that used by the French.

3. Reducing working time in the industry by 2½ per cent. per annum, and increasing productivity by 4½ per cent. per annum.

4. Increasing productivity 3 per cent faster than the established trend and increasing annual wage increases 3 per cent higher than the trend (the "high wage-high productivity" argument).

5. Reducing working time by 3 per cent and progressively reducing import share to 35 per cent in 1988.

6. Reducing working time by 3 per cent, progressively reducing import share and holding wage increases at 3 per cent lower than the forecast trend.

It can be seen that 1 and 2 provide two different import control options, 3 and 4 pose productivity increases but trade these off against higher wage increases (which was a familiar trade union argument in the 60s and '70s when overall unemployment was low), and reduced working time — a more recent demand designed to secure and possibly increase the demand for labour. 5 and 6 mix reductions in working time with import controls and, in the case of 6, offer some "give" in the rate of annual wage increases.

The result from the Base Forecast shows that for the period 1983-8 new registrations of cars would increase but United Kingdom output would fall steadily with a slight recovery in 1988, but not to the level of 1985. A steady growth in the import of cars and commercial vehicles would lead to a balance of payment deficit in vehicle moves from £3.1 billions to £8.1 billions in 1988.

Employment in the industry, already halved in the past 10 years, would decline further by an average of around 5 per cent. per annum, finishing some 23 per cent lower overall in 1988.

Of the trade union policy options run through the computer. Numbers 5 and 6, combining progressive import restrictions with working time reduced and the further restraint of lowering the expected rate of annual wage increase, showed the best result for the industry. Both forcasts gave:

- Significant positive output effects;
- Marked reductions in import volume with strong balance of payments gains;
- Substantial growth in employment;
- Strong market growth for BL and Vauxhall with some increase in share for Ford, leaving Ford in a dominant position.

However, what is significant from a trade union point of view is that the extra "give" on wage increases does not translate into very significant increases in employment, the growth in demand being virtually identical on both forecasts, suggesting that is it linked more to "the need for extra domestic output than to any lowering of unit wage costs.

However, the TGWU recognises that a progressive reduction in the share of imports would create a major problem in trying to convince EEC partners that the ability of their home manufacturers to export to the UK market (with some of the highest profit margins of any European market) should be restricted in the manner suggested.

The union considers that any strategy for restricting such imports to have both political credibility and an opportunity of working, would have to be worked out, agreed and co-ordinated with motor industry unions elsewhere in Europe.

Mr Michael Murphy, recently appointed TGWU national officer for the automotive trade group, said: "This important analysis of the motor industry undertaken for the TGWU will prove a very valuable reference for the whole of the automotive industry. The future of British motor manufacturing is facing extinction and with it will go hundreds of thousands of jobs which are dependent on it."

Without manufacturing he considers Britain will be relegated to assembling other countries' bits and pieces and have no part in vehicle design, research or development.

"In effect we will opt out of motor car technology with all the consequences for our future as an industrial nation." He believes this can be avoided if carefully thought through policies and strategies are developed and put into operation.

"Such policies and strategies require the wholehearted involvement of the industry's trade unions, management and the government, and I believe this study is a major contribution in the development of such a programme."

Mr Denis Gregory, research officer at the Trade Union Research Unit, Ruskin College, who put the trade union policy options into computer jargon and translated the forecasts, said: "The quality of available information on a given industry is decisive for producing a meaningful result and, for the motor industry, this was accessible. I believe the 'exercise' broke new ground and that other trade unions will follow suit in using computer forecasting in exactly the way big business does."

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Patchwork look to trade pattern

By Robin Stoddart

The day of reckoning for those who saw nothing to worry about in the decline of British industry in the face of accelerating technological change is now at hand. Any fond hopes that living standards can go on rising as they have over the last three years, if only for a majority of the population, or that by some social metamorphosis the quality of life for nearly everyone would be improved by de-industrialisation are liable to be tested soon. That is the message of the weak pound and rising cost of imports.

Signs that exports were finally increasing fast over the last few months and expressions of confidence in rising overseas sales by a larger minority of industrialists after the prolonged fall in sterling have helped to stabilise the situation in nervous currency and capital markets. But the evidence of a sustained recovery in competitiveness and performance remains patchy. A relapse in the value or volume of oil exports would expose the consumption-led economic recovery to further external correction and internal disarray.

Already the advanced-technology mirage is under severe reappraisal. The service-sector delusion will also be dispelled if more setbacks in the computer and communications sector are encountered. State backing for the most advanced programmes in other countries has increased, is increasing and must be expected to pay off by comparison with the uncoordinated and restricted efforts of private and semi-privatised British firms.

Even in the defence arena, where much has been and continues to be devoted to advanced systems, the spin-off has been less apparent than elsewhere, both in terms of export sales and technology. In aerospace, results have been only fair and barely that by comparison with France, now the clear European leader. In naval and military hardware, occasional successes hardly camouflage the fact that the prows and guns have often been pointing in the wrong direction.

In the purely commercial field it is even more difficult to discern areas in which Britain can continue to lead, or at any rate keep up with, the rest of the industrial world. Pharmaceutical and medical supplies are among the most encouraging sectors and one of the very few where the trade balance is likely to move favourably in the immediate future. But this hardly applies to bulk chemcals or indeed any other mass-production business.

The trade statistics show that Britain's visible trade deficit mounted to £4 billion last year, almost four times the previous year's imbalance. But the rising trend of invisible income, particularly dividends, enabled a surplus of £1 billion or so to be maintained, or rather to be invested overseas. The fourth quarter deficit on visible trade was slightly below the average, raising hopes that at long last the trend was more favourable in areas other than oil.

Whereas exports last year still lagged behind imports with a growth in volume of 8½ per cent, compared with the 11 per cent rise in imports, the situation in the final quarter was the other way round, with exports no less than 12 per cent up on the previous quarter, whereas imports were up 9½ per cent. And although oil exports reached new records, soaring past £1½ billion in December alone, the miners' strike caused a surge in imports too, back well above half that figure in most recent months from a more normal £500 million a month.

It is in the largest single category of exports—or what used to be until late last year—machinery, that there is most cause for concern. Just over a decade ago, Britain and Germany were the pre-eminent suppliers in this segment. Tractors and other agricultural equipment and a big range of plant such as paper, textile, office and food processing machinery was exported to all corners of the earth, often with only Germany, or occasionally the United States and Japan as close competitors. Now that has mostly changed, whether by Third World energy and other problems, bad luck, or wanton neglect by governments, managers or employees.

Whereas exports of cars, the most easily identifiable separate category, almost stopped dead at the onset of recession in 1979 and have never recovered as far as any growth goes, imports not only recovered but almost doubled in value again over the five-year period.

While the trade surplus in oil, which passed £7 billion last year, might just continue for a year or two longer if the miners and Arab producers do not both turn more aggressive again, there is at present little ground for expecting much less than half of the benefit being frittered away on motor imports, net of exports. Only import controls, savage discriminatory taxation, or general deflation seem likely to do that.

There are a few economic sectors where optimism about a sustained economic recovery without any intervention by the Government, might be justified. On the basis of the trade figures, the chief of these would be the big electrical and electronics business, headed by GEC, Britain's biggest manufacturer in employment and, perhaps, added value terms. Electrical exports soared by 30 per cent in value last year to £7.13 billion and in recent months they are running still higher, at the rate of £9 billion.

Unfortunately, imports were increasing nearly as fast and they passed £10 billion for the year, with no sign of any let-up. Warnings that electronic imports would, on current trends, far exceed exports in a few years seem superfluous in view of the situation in video and computer equipment that already prevails.

Estimates that Britain is at least nearer self-sufficiency in many vital areas are true, if of a dangerous cast in an interdependent world. The US is more prone to that suggestion with dire implications for almost everyone if protectionism were unleashed. The deficit in textiles may have stabilised. But imports of most foods have in fact shown little sign of dropping back in either volume or value. Yet commodity prices are low. At least the surplus on drink is being maintained, though it is not a as steady as it used to be, either.

UK sells more to Russia

From Martin Walker in Moscow

A DRAMATIC 65 per cent increase in British exports to the Soviet Union in the last year was announced in Moscow yesterday by Mrs Peggy Fenner MP, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, when opening an all-British exhibition of agro-industrial products.

Total British exports to the USSR rose last year by some £300 million, to over £735 million, cutting the trade deficit with the USSR by more than half.

Although British officials pointed to the sharp growth in exports of specialised industrial machinery and power generating equipment, a closer examination of the detailed figures suggests that much of the improvement is explained by the fact that the USSR has started to buy tin and silver on the London markets once again.

From a low point in 1983 when the USSR bought less than £5 million of non-ferrous metals from Britain, last year purchases soared to over £160 million. Almost all of this was in tin and silver, and these two commodities accounted for more than half of the growth in total British exports to the USSR.

The other fast-growing sector for British exports is in grain and cereals, which rose from £8 million in 1983 to over £50 million in 1984.

British trade officials have targeted the Soviet agricultural sector for a major new export drive, building on the success in exporting grain and pedigree livestock. A licensing agreement for specialist British ploughs made by Howard Rotavator is now being negotiated, and the large pavilion of the Moscow Exhibition Centre is now filled with British Friesian bulls, ploughs, food packaging and processing machinery, pharmaceutical and contented batch of pedigree pigs. The bulls were rather less contented, having been stuck in snowdrifts on the long overland haul to Moscow in temperatures of over 20c below.

Mrs Fenner told Russian and British journalists at the opening of the exhibition that she hoped that Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Kremlin heir apparent, would attend the exhibition.

Soviet exports to Britain also grew significantly last year, from £728 million to £854 million, almost all of the growth made up of crude oil and petroleum products. Soviet oil exports to Britain last year grew by over £100 million to £561 million. The two other major Soviet exports to Britain are wood (£119 million) and furs (£35 million).

Soviet road vehicle exports, which have risen in 1983 to over £27 million on the strength of the promotion of the Soviet-built Lada car, fell back last year to £16 million.

Internationals in favour on pound fears

THE MARKETS

International stocks returned to favour yesterday as fears grew that the pound may come under further pressure against the dollar. Reflecting hopes that their earnings overseas will continue to rise helped leaders like ICI, which rallied 21p to 860p ahead of next Thursday's results—full-year profits are expected to breach the £1 billion level for the first time.

Jaguar, a dull market of late on fears of US import controls, also recovered well to finish at 332p, up 12p.

Elsewhere, drab conditions prevailed as dealers looked ahead to the budget due in four weeks time. Life insurances were particularly hard hit again at first, but subsequently staged a strong rally to close marginally higher on balance. Gilts were very subdued ending as they opened, a quarter down in conventionals and half a point lower among index-linked.

Stores, foods, breweries buildings and properties all lost ground on the prospect of a long period of high interest rates and receding hopes of any tax give-aways in the budget. Engineering shares were selectively supported

Takeover situations provided a few noteworthy movements, mostly down. Initial slipped 15p to 533p on suggestsions that BET may not necessarily raise their terms, even if (as expected) the Monopolies Commission gives the go-ahead.

Fleet Holdings softened 3p to 265p and Aitken Hume lost 10p to 183p following Fleet's confirmation that talks between the two companies were taking place on forming a "closer association." In builders Henry Boot tumbled 43p to 272p as subsidiary Intry, in which they have a 50 per cent interest, was put into receivership due to problems concerning a Middle East contract. Insurance brokers were supported on their dollar earnings. Electricals were steadier than of late. Platinums were unsettled by the setback at Impala. Golds relinquished one to two dollars.

Among leaders, BTR gained 14p to 644p, still embroiled in the Dunlop bid situation. Oils lacked a particular trend though bigger names tended to do well. BP added 5p to 570p. Hawker firmed on dollar earnings potential, up 12p at 437p. Banks were dull ahead of the dividend season, however, and NatWest relinquished 2p to 662p.

Elsewhere, Henderson Group improved by 5p at 286p after Monday's acquisition. Northern Engineering Industries met investment support which helped them gain 5p at 286p. Bid speculation encouraged Davy Corp up by 4p at 95p. BSR, with figures due soon, lost 5p to 125p. In motors, Appleyard moved up by 7p to 53p thanks to speculative demand. Lex Services met adverse comment, however, which left them 15p weaker at 225p.

Main changes: Henry Boot 272p down 43p; ICI 860p up 21p; Jaguar 332p up 12p; Initial 533p down 15p; Fleet Holdings 265p down 3p; Micro Focus 850p up 40p; Aitken Hume 183p down 10p; Osborne and Little 218p up 15p.

Equity turnover for Monday: Bargains, 24,616; Value £331,928 million.

● Frankfurt: Shares surged after a half session shortened by the Fasching holiday, in lively trading dominated by foreign buying. The commerzbank index closed up 11 points at 1181.0, a new all-time high.

● Paris: Prices closed narrowly mixed with a slightly firmer bias in moderately active trading. The market indicator was ahead 0.2 per cent at the end of business.

● Tokyo: Buying centred on blue chips and pushed up prices, but trading was slow. The Nikkei Dow Jones index was up 0.27 at 947.18.

● Hong Kong: Having opened slightly higher, share prices fluctuated widely, declining first on profit-taking and recovering later to close moderately higher on buying support. The Hang Seng index closed at 1435.17 points, up 7.99 points.

FT Ordinary Share Index up 7.0 at 977.5. FT-SE 100 Index up 7.2 at 1275.9. Pound: $1.0925; DM 3.62; Fr 11.08. Gold: $302.75. Account: February 11 to 22. FT All Share Index up 1.40 at 613.60. Sterling Index 71.6 (1975=100). RPI 358.5 (December) up 4.9 per cent on year.

ERNEST JONES (Jewellers) is now seeing record sales after a recovery to £14.8 million in turnover for the year to October 29, from £12.8 million previously, including VAT. Pre-tax profit improved to £702,000 from £464,000. The dividend stays at 3.9p, including the 2.5p final.

COMPANY BRIEFING

Peachey glows as sell-offs continue

Peachey Property Corporation is still reaping big gains from selling its holdings of residential property as part of a programme which is expected to continue this year and approach completion in 1986.

The group yesterday revealed an increase in half-time profits from £3.038 million to £4.845 million, boosted mainly by residential sales. An acceleration of the disposal programme which has been running for the past year or so has led to trading profits of £2.15 million in the first six months of the year compared to £721,000 in 1984.

Another chunk of Peachey's 660 residential properties on the books at the last year end has gone in recent months—198 houses and maisonettes to a single investor. Further sales have taken place since the end of the half-year, so Peachey expects to report still higher trading profits with its 12-month figures.

The company acknowledges that there will be a hiatus as the disposal programme nears completion, but has been continuing at the same time its strategy of building on its retail investment portfolio. Property acquisitions in the first six months included shopping parades at Streatham, south London, and Southampton.

The bill for property acquisitions, including an industrial estate in Norbury, south London, comes to £3.4 million. The company has also sold its interest in the Churchill Hotel for £9.25 million and let Standon House, London, to the Sedgwick Group. Rental income for the first half rose from £3.339 million to £3.7 million. The dividend goes up from 2.5p to 3p.

Burmatex celebrates

Burmatex, the carpet tile manufacturer, celebrated its first year as a public company yesterday by reporting an 18 per cent increase in sales but a pre-tax profit which grew by only 8 per cent.

Operating profits of the West Yorkshire-based company, which also makes fibre bonded carpets, were in fact also up by 18 per cent, but at the pre tax level the figures were affected by a lack of growth in investment income and reduced gains on the disposal of investments.

Burmatex, whose products go mainly to the commercial and industrial contract floorcovering market, increased its sales to £7.07 million compared with £5.97 million. Profits before tax rose to £1.45 million compared with £1.34 million.

A final of 3p a share is being paid, making a total of 5p for the year, as forecast at the time of the placing last February. Earnings per share were 12.2p compared with 11.1p.

The chairman, Brian Burrows, said that home sales of carpet tiles during the first three quarters of the year were less than anticipated, although there had been an improvement since the autumn. Home market sales of the range of fibre bonded carpet showed a big increase.

Exports, at £676,000, were more than two and a half times higher than in the previous year and the company was expecting a further strong increase during the current period.

Productivity during the year had been at a consistently higher level. The company had about £1 million in cash or gilts at the year end, compared with £750,000 in the previous year, "and consequently is not adversely affected by increases in interest rates."

Southern's new shares

Southern Business Leasing is raising £2.17 million through a share placing to fund increasing equity stakes in small and private businesses. The placing is for 1.8 million new shares at 124p each. They have already been placed with institutional investors.

The new shares will represent 11.5 per cent of the enlarged capital base. Southern said that about half of the cash will go to acquisitions while the balance will be used for working capital. Although it is too early to forecast for the present year, Southern said that contract income at the end of December had increased by £29 million and it looks forward to another satisfactory year. The shares were unchanged at 130p.

Sparkling partners

Michael Page, the job advertising and executive recruitment company, and Addison Communications, with whom Page has agreed to merge, yesterday each published sets of sparkling results for 1984. These are contained in the agreed offer document, setting out merger terms.

Michael Page doubled pre-tax profits to £1.3 million from £604,000, on a turnover of £8.08 million compared with £4.78 million. Addison trebled pre-tax profits to £635,000 from £195,000, on turnover of £3.3 million, compared with £2 million.

Michael Page, chairman of Page, says that demand for professional and experienced financial executives remains strong. The figures are also boosted by the September acquisition of the recruitment advertising agency, Lockyer, Bradshaw and Wilson.

Addison, which is merging with the company to form Addision Page, says that its profit is attributable to a significant increase in new business in the last quarter of 1984.

F. Pratt for 600

F. Pratt Engineering, the Halifax lathe chuck and control panel manufacturer that slid into loss during the recession and then was rent by a bitter boardroom dispute about excessive expenses, is being taken over by 600 Group in an agreed £3 million cash deal. Under the present chairman, Mr J. R. Hindin, Pratt has returned to profit and has close links with 600 Group, which already owns just over a quarter of the capital.

The cash offer of 78p compares with the previous Pratt share price of only 49p. Pratt's factories returned to full-time working a year ago, and turnover for the year to October 31 recovered to £9.6 million from £7.2 million. Pre-tax profit was £325,000, against the previous £257,000 loss. The dividend was resumed and the 1.5p net payment will still be paid to shareholders accepting the bid.

In short . . .

INDUSTRIAL conglomerate Cope Allman yesterday reported a 90 per cent increase in interim pre-tax earnings to £6.3 million for the period to December 31, 1984. Sales at the half year grew by 23 per cent to £86.6 million and the interim dividend has been increased by 35 per cent to 2.7p. Shares in the group rose yesterday by 7p to close at 153p.

COMMODITIES

Copper: Cash £1,285 per tonne; three months £1,308 per tonne.
Tin: Cash £10,040 per tonne; three months £10,049 per tonne.
Lead: Cash £338.50 per tonne; three months £347 per tonne.
Zinc: Cash £812 per tonne; three months £815 per tonne.
Silver: Spot 560p per troy oz; three months 585p.
Rubber: Spot 70p per kilo; Mar £710 per tonne; Apr £720 per tonne; May £730 per tonne; June £740 per tonne.
Coffee: Mar £2,333 per tonne; May £2,372 per tonne; Jul £2,402 per tonne; Sep £2,427 per tonne; Nov £2,439 per tonne; Jan £2,437 per tonne.
Cotton: Liverpool spot prices in US cents per pound. Memphis 1/16 inch strict middling Feb–Mar 73.25. California 1⅛ inch strict middling Feb–Mar 76.00. Sudan Barakat 1⅛ inch Feb–Mar No 3B 109.50; Feb–Mar No 5B 99.50; Feb–Mar No 6B 93.00. Mexico 1⅛ inch strict middling Feb–Mar 68.50.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

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3pc 1985	97⅞	
9½pc 85C	94⅛	
11½pc 1985	99⅛	
Exchequer		
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(medium) Transport		
3pc 78-88	81⅞	
Treasury		
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Exchequer		
10pc 1986	98⅞	−1/16
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10½pc 1988	96¾	
11pc 1990	79⅞	
11pc 1991	98⅞	−⅛
11¾pc 1986	a99¼	
12¼pc 1985	90⅛	
12½pc 1990	a101⅛	−⅛
12pc 1987	102⅛	−1/16
10pc 1987	97⅞	−1/16
12½pc 1992	a105⅞	−⅛
13¼pc 1994	112⅛	−⅛
14pc 1986	102 15/16	−1/16
2½pc 1986	88½	−⅛
Funding		
5½pc 87-91	82	−⅛
6¼pc 85-87	90⅞	
Treasury		
10pc 1987	98⅛	
2pc IL 88	108⅞	
10½pc 1989	95⅛	−1/16
3pc 1987	85⅛	
3pc 1986	93⅞	
5pc 86-89	80⅜	
7¾pc 85-88	91⅛	
8¼pc 87-90	89⅞	
10pc 90C	95⅛	−⅛
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9¼pc C90	92⅛	
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10pc C92	88⅝	−⅛
10½pc 92C	87⅛	−3/32
11¾pc 1989	a98 15/16	
11¾pc 1991	100⅛	−⅛
12pc 1986	99⅛	−1/16
13pc 1990	104⅛	
(long) Exchequer		
10½pc 1995	92	−⅛
10½pc 1997	a92⅞	−⅛
12pc 1998	106	−⅛
12pc 99-02	104⅛	−⅛
12pc 13-17	114⅛	−⅛
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9¾pc 1998	89⅞	−⅛
9¾pc 98A	90⅛	−⅛
Funding		
6pc 1993	a75⅞	
3½pc 99-04	47⅛	−⅛
Treasury		
2pc IL 1996	a111	−⅛
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5½pc 08-12	a57⅞	−⅛
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13pc 1993	112⅛	−⅛
13½pc 00-03	117⅞	−⅛
14pc 1996	113½	−⅛
14pc 98-01	118⅞	−⅛
14½pc 1994	a114⅛	−⅛
15¼pc 1996	124⅛	−⅛
15½pc 1998	130⅛	−⅛
2½pc 2020	95⅛	−⅛
Redemption		
3pc 86-96	71⅞	+⅛
Gas		
3pc 90-95	65⅛	+⅛
(undated) Consols		
2½pc	a24⅞	
4pc	38⅞	−⅛
Conversion		
3½pc	42⅞	
10pc 02	96⅞	−⅛
Treasury		
2½pc	24⅞	
3pc	29⅞	
War Loan		
3½pc	a34⅞	−⅛

Commnwlth Bonds

NZ		
7½pc 83-86	£95¼	
S Rhodesia		
2½pc 65-70	£180	

Corps & Boards

Manchester		
3pc 28	£23¼	
Met. Water		
3pc 'B'	a£35¼	

Banks & Disc Hses

Allied Irish	135	−3
Ansbacher H	63	−2
ANZ Gp	a298	−17
Bank Ireland	258	+3
Bk Scot	447	
Barclays Bank	604	
Brown Ship	405	
Cater Allen	488	
Clive Dis	61	
First Nat	103	
Gerrard & Na	314	
Goode D&M	a47	+1
Guinness Pt	a73	
Hambros Shs	166	+1
Hill Sam	328	+2
H.K. & Shai	104½	
King & Sx	157	
Kleinwort	425	
Lloyds	557	−2
Mercury Sec	453	+5
Midland	332	−2
Nat West	662	−2
Rea Bros-A	76	
Ryl Bk Scot	a236	+3
Schroders	808	+5
S. St. Ach	62	+1
Std Chtrd	499	
Union Dis	a698	+5
Westpac	a228	−8
Wintrust	a255	

Financial Trusts

Annex Tst	19	
Aust Agr	270	
Brit Arrow	105	
Daily M Tr A	a£12½	+½
Dalgety	488	−2
Exco	538	+5
Inchcape	446	+10
Lon Gar Tst	a29	
M & G Hlds	a£41	
Manson Fin	28	
Martin RP	395	
Nash Secs	a38	
Prov Fin	210	
Rothschild	106	
Sime Darby	77	
Smith Bros	85	−2
Wagon Fin	86	

Breweries

Ald Lyons	a172	+2
Bass	507	+5
Bell A	158	
Belhaven	42	−1
Bodd Brew	76	−1
Brown M	a268	−2
Bulmer HP	a144	
Davenport	258	
Devenish	540	
Distillers	a287	+3
Forshaws	a435	
Greenall W	171	−1
Greene King	152	−2
Guinness	a232	+1
Highland Dis	63	+1
Higsons Brew	115	
Invergordon	128	
Marston Thom	58	−1
Scot Nw Bws	138	+1
Try City Lnd	a83	−1
Vaux Brew	273	−2
Whitbread A	195	
Whitbrd Inv	170	−2
Wolver & Dud	308	−4

Comm & Ind

AAH	125	
AC Cars	38	
AGB Res	a239	+2
AI Ind	38	
APV Hldgs	245	
Aaronson	99	
Adwest	156	
Alcan Al	£28½	+1
Allen WG	Suspended	
All Colloid	a230	−3
All Plant	19½	−½
Amber Day	10½	
AMEC	258	
Amersham	363	+1
Amstrad	76	
Anchor Ch	219	
Ang TV-A	158	
Ang-A Ind	£71	
Appleyard	53	+7
Aranson	28	
Argyll Grp	258	−3
Arlington	171	
Arnstn Eq	35	+½
Arncliffe	38	
Ash & Lacy	413	
Ass Book	375	
Ass B Eng	11	
Ass B Fds	a222	
AB Ports	247	+6
Ass Dairies	a148	
Ass Eng	a130	
Ass Fish	a108	−4
Ass News	a805	
Ass Paper	190	
Astra	81	−1
Audiotnics	61	
Ault & W	46	+1
Auto Prod	57	
Avana	a594	
Avon Rbr	290	−3
BAT Ind	361	−4
BBA	57	
BPB Ind	250	+2
BSR	125	−5
BTR	644	+14
Babcock	142	−3
Bailey B	27	
Bailey CH	18½	+1½
Baird (W)	333	
Bairstow	76	−1
Baker P	189	
Banro	86	
Barbican	33	+1
Barker Dob	10½	
Barr & W A	102	+2
Barratt Dv	70	
Barrow HP	48	
Bassett (G)	181	−2
Bath & PU	a299	
Beatson CK	153	−2
Beattie A	119	
Beazer	280	−4
Beckman (A)	82	
Beecham	358	+5
Bejam	149	−1
Bemrose	168	
Benfalls	67	−1
Bersfd SW	174	−1
Berisfords	a108	−1
Besnak	a283	−3
Bestobell	289	−3
Betec	82	
Bett Bros	a58	
Bibby (J)	260	
BICC	240	
Biddle	178	+5
Billam J	71	+3
Birmid Q	84½	+1½
B'ham Mint	215	
Bl. Ord	38	
Black P	253	
Blkwd Hdg	231	+1
Blagden Inds	128	
Bluebird	71	−2
Blue Circle	503	
Blundell P	a136	
BOC Grp	a289	+3
Bolton Txt	17	
Booker M	246	−6
Boosey H	134	
Boots	170	−4
Borthwick	a29	−1
Boulton W	8	
Bowater	248	+5
Bowthorpe	440	+6
Braithwaite	128	
Bremner	372	
Brasway	a46	−2
Brick Dud	a68	
Bridon	133	−1
Br Aero	870	+9
Br GZ Cbn	12	
Br Car A	90	
BET dfd	288	
BHS	243	−2
Br Mohair	135	−1
BPC	180	−3
Br Tar Prd	78	−1
Br Vending	70	+1
Br Vita	175	−1
Bronx Eng	15	
Brook St	108	−6
Brown & J	18	−1
Bro Bv Kot	88	
Brown (J)	31	
Brown T'use	a125	
Brunning	160	
Bruntons (M)	82	
Bryant	69	
BSG Intl	23½	
Bullough	a475	+2
Bulmer, Lh	78	
Bunzl	a440	−3
Burco	21	
Burnetts Hl	175	
Burns And	54	
Burton Ord	414	−3
Btfield Hvy	28½	
Cable Wire	a510	
Chry Sch	174	+2
Cam Elec Ind	323	+3
Camford	32	
Camrex W	102	
Cape Inds	38	−3
Carclo Eng	a205	
Carless Cpl	168	
Carpets Int	42	
Carr (J)	54	−1
Carr's Mill	125	+1
Castet S	45	
Castings	61	
Cattle's	24½	−½
Cem Rd	66	+2
Cen & Shr	91	+½
Central TV	186	
C.H. Inds	a58	
Ch'lain Phs	78½	
Chem Tan	128	
Chloride	35	−1
Christie Tyl	48	
Christies In	535	+2
Clay (R)	108	
Clyde Bwrs	127	
Coalite Ch	242	+2
Coates Ord	175	
Coates 'A'	148	−2
Coats Pats	155	−1
600 Group	90	+1
Collins Ord	705	
Collins 'A'	538	
Combex	77	
Comb Eng	104	+3
Comfort Hts	a53	
Cons	262	
Concentric	64	
Cookson	575	+5
Cooper Ind	12	
Cope Alum	153	+7
Corah	64½	
Coalt	63	−2
Costain Grp	354	+2
Countryside	a206	
Court Furn	140	
Courtaulds	142	+1
Cow de Gr	a40	+1
Crest N'son	92	
Croda Intl	146	
do dfd	100	
Cytwn Hse	135	
Crystalate	188	+2
DRG	160	
Dale Elec	67	
Dalis Gwtn	Suspended	
DPCE	444	+3
Davis, NM	178	−2
Davies G	120	
Davy Corp	95	+4
Dwes Int	298	−2
De La Rue	840	−5
Debenhams	208	−4
Dee Corp	a200	−3
Delta Met	120	+4½
Deritend St	a124	
Desoutter	143	
Dewhirst	96	−1
Dewhurst & P	a24	
Diamond S	35	
Dixons Grp	a509	−3
Dobson Pk	a87½	−3½
Dom Hlds	a80	−2
Dominion Int	79	−1
Douglas R	52	
Dwdg Mills	64½	
Dowty	209	−2
Dubilier	188	+2
Dufay Bit	38	+1
Dunhill	298	
Dunlop	45	−½
Duport	27½	−½
ERF	38	
Estr Price	380	−3
Edbro	117	
Elbar Ind	40	
Elco Hlds	98	
EIS	166	
Elect Comts	278	
Elect Mchn	44	
Elect Rents	a44	
Elliot B	68	
Ellis & Evd	a242	
Ellis, Gold	73½	+½
Elswick-H	11½	−½
Emess Light	193	
Energy	173	
Empire Sts	102	
Eng China	286	−2
Erith	62	
Eur Ferries	145½	−4
do Spc Pref	124	−1
Eurotherm	a320	+2
Excalibur	11	
Extel	325	
Exp Metal	35	
Farnell El	177	
FEB Intl	110	
Fenner	135	+1
Ferranti	154	+4
Ferguson	140	−2
Fine Art	74	
Finlan J	90	−3
Finlay J	150	−2
First Castle	a108	+1
First Leisure	240	+1
Fisons	288	+7
Fitch Lvll	a205	−2
Fleet	285	−3
Folkes NV	231	+1
Ford (Mtr)	28	
Formnster	146	
Foseco M	230	+5
Foster Bros	196	−2
Fothergill	147	
Freemans	174	
Friedland DG	183	
French T I	a72	
French KR	125	−2
Galliford	70	
Garford L	98	
Garton Eng	62	
Geers G	156	−1
GEI Intl	88	
Gen Elect	a194	
Gestetner-A	a98	−1
Gill & Duff	161	
Glaxo	£11 51/64	+11/64
Gleeson	224	−2
Glynwed	172	+1
Golding (A)	47	+1
Gomme	39	
Grampian	102	−1
Granada	a176	+1
Grand Met	a298	+1
Gratton W	185	
GUS Ord	a691	−8
GUS 'A'	a679	−3
Greenbank	35	
Greenfield	46	
Grenwell	121	−1
GKN	207	+7
HAT Grp	a94	−1
HTV NV	140	
Halifax M	345	+2
Haden	224	+2
Hall Eng	128	
Hall (Mat)	306	
Halma	235	
Halstead J	32	−1
Hampton	a211	
Hanson Tr	a210	+5
Hargreaves	101	+1
Harris Qwy	168	−4
Har & C	436	
Hartwells	96	
Hawker S	437	+12
Hawtin	a16½	+½
Hywth Cer	138	
Hewth Ord	d182	+2
Hestair	72	−1
Hewden S	37	
Hicking P	a44	
Hickson	458	+3
Higgs & H	288	−2
Hill & Sm	a70	
Hillards	330	−4
Hollas Gp	a24	
Hollis Bros	69	
Holt Lloyd	a91	
Home Charm	289	−1
Hopkinson	146	
Horizon Tvl	143	
Hse of Frs	322	
Hse of Lrs	127	
How'd Mac	9	
Hwden Grp	90	+2
Ibstock Jsn	275	
Illwth Mrs	60	−1
Illwth Mrs A	60	
ICI	880	+21
IMI	102	
Imperial Gp	204	+6
Ingram H	95	
Initial	533	−15
Int Thom Org	621	+4
Jessups	64	
J'son Clnrs	432	−1
Johnson FB	14	
J'son Mthy	73	−2
Johnston	175	−5
Jones & Sh	69	−½
Jones E	78	−2
Jones Strd	140	
Jourdan T	128	
Kalamazoo	34	
Kennedy B	288	
Kenning	a97	
Kwikfit	33	
Kwik Save	182	−2
LCP	112	−1
LRC Int	a116	+1
Ladbroke	268	
Ladies Pr	28½	
Laing-'A'	199	
Laird Group	147	
Lake & Elt	73½	
Lambt Hwth	200	
Laporte Ind	405	+2
Lawtex	61	
Lep Grp	263	
Lex Service	225	−15
Leyland Pt	32	
Lilley FJC	64	
Linread	29	
Lister	55	
Lloyd (FH)	51	−1
Locker Thos	28	
Logica	309	
Lon & Midl'd	197	−2
Ldn Nor G	77½	−½
Lon Pk Htl	360	
Longton	a95	−2
Lonrho	171	
Lookers	87	
Lovell YJ	a216	
Low & Bonar	308	+6
Low (Wm)	575	
Lowe R H	27	
Lucas Inds	252	+3
MDO Grp	88	
MFI Furn	a213	
MK Elec	268	
MY Dart	26	
Macarthys	166	+1
McC'dale	e163	
Mackay (H)	82	
McKechnie	136	
Magnet, S	a110	−4
Mngt Ag	a153	
Mchstr Ship	311	+10
Manders	191	+2
Mane Br	54	−1
Manor Mtrs	131	
Marks & Spn	125	
Marley	801	
Marling Ind	611	−½
Marshalls H	a220	
Marsh'l Un	68	
Mn-Black	Suspended	
Martin (A)	53	+2
Martonair	330	+2
Matthews B	284	−3
Maunders J	119	
May & Hassl	88	
Maynards	260	
McAlpine A	290	
Menzies J	a225	
Metal Box	415	
Metal Clos	153	−2
Metalrax	58	
Metamec	Suspended	
Meyer	114	−1
Miller S	18	
Milletts	118	
Ms Intl	43	+1
M & Allen	350	
Mitchell CT	81½	
Molins	128	
Monk A	117	−2
More O'Fl	88	
Morgan Cr	195	−1
Moss Bros	322	
Mowlem	218	−2
Muirhead	174	−2
Myson Grp	71	
NSS News	68	
Neepsend	11	
Neil & Sper	48	+1
Neill J	121	+1
Newarthill	625	−5
Newman-T	a87	+2
Newmark	a215	
News Intl	600	
Nichols Vim	235	
Norcros	186	
North Eng	83	+5
N. Foods	a214	
Norton Opax	123	
Nova Kit	28	−1
Notts Manfg	222	
Nurdin & P	162	−4
Octopus Gp	875	+5
Office & El	150	
Ogilvy Mat	a£39¼	+7/16
Owen O	181	
Oxford Ins	a243	+2
Parker Kn 'A'	170	
Pkind Text	101	
Paterson Z	128	−2
do 'A'	130	
Pauls & W	335	−10
Pearson (S)	678	−3
Peel Hldgs	308	
Peerless	a88	−1
Pegler-Httly	282	+2
Pentl'd Inds	440	
Pentos	36	
Petbow Hold	50	
Phicom	34	
Philips	£14¼	
Phoenix Tmb	128	−2
Photo-Me	£101	
Pifco Hlds	170	
Pilkington	306	
Pittard	95	
Planet Grp	75	
Platignum	8½	
Plaxton's	79	
Pleasurama	416	
Plessey	172	
Plysu	220	
Pochins	190	
Portals	590	+5
Porter Chad	113	
Powell Duff	375	−5
Pratt Eng	a76	+27
Preedy	105	
Pressac	121	−2
Priest (B)	81	
PoW Htls	108	
Pritchard	95	−1
Prop Rev	184	
Queens Moat	53	
Quick H & J	46	
Rea Hldgs	a377	−2
Racal Elect	a196	
Ramar Txt	241	+½
Rank Org	342	−2
Ranks Hov	128	−1
RHP	90	
Ransm S J	505	−10
Ratclf (FS)	60	
Raybeck	27	
Readicut	28½	
Reckitt & Co	520	−3
Redfearn	a90	−3
Redland	261	
Redman Hn	Suspended	
Reed (A)-A	98	
Reed Exec	134	−1
Reed Int	554	
Renold	a47	
Rentokil	173	
Renwick	135	
Restmor	a113	
Reuters	348	
Rexmore	23	
RFD Grp	a89	
Rich Leics	36	
Rich West	19	
RMC Gp	370	−2
Roberts Adld	110	
Ross (Tha)	45	
Rock PLC	10½	
Rockware	41	
Ropner H	135	
Rotaflex	162	
Rothmans In	179	−5
Rowlinson	32	
Rown Mack	373	+3
Ruberoid	215	
Rugby P C	124	+½
S & U Strs	21	
SGB Grp	162	+2
Saatchi C	853	−7
Sainsbury J	304	
Sale Tilney	487	
Samuel-A	79	
Sandhurst	84	
Sangers	a37	−1
Saville G	88	
Savoy 'A'	375	
Scapa Group	500	−8
Scholes	400	
SEET	a170	−2
Sctcros	Suspended	
Sears Hlgs	82½	−1
Securicor	244	
Securicor A	242	
Security S	244	
Sekor Intl	41	−½
Selincourt	20½	−½
Senior Eng	23½	
Sharna	61	
Shaw Cpt	32½	−1
Shiloh Spn	41	
Sidlaw	a171	
Silentnight	a38	
Simon Eng	248	+2
Sirdar	130	−7
Sketchley	376	−4
Smith DS	a138	+2
Smith Hlgs	41	
Smith&Neph	226	+1
Smith WH	a178	−2
Smith Inds	a177	−2
Smurfit (J)	152	+1
Sols' Law	38	+1
Sarw SW	31	
Spr & Jcks	150	
Spirax-Sarco	264	+2
Squirrel H	30	
Staff Potts	95	−3
Stag Furn	67	
Stakis (R)	179	
STC	188	−2
Stanley AG	44	
Star Comp	40	
Stanley Ind	324	
Stel Sim-A	a155	
Steel Bros	545	
Steetley	307	+1
Steinberg	81	
Stewart Pl	a93	−5
Stirling Grp	a72	
Stocklake	143	
Stoth & Pit	180	
Strong & F	135	+1
Sumner	9½	+½
Sunbeam Wol	59	
Sutcliffe	34	
TI Group	234	
TACE	a415	
Tarmac	472	−2
Tate & Lyle	a468	−2
Tav Rstl	48	
Tr Woodrow	366	
Telefusion	34	
Tele Rents	203	
Tesco	a236	−1
Text Jersey	a71	−1
Thorn	a452	
Thor Brds	17	
Tomkins FH	a159	+1
Tootal	74	+2½
Tn Hotspur	a75	
TZ Km Ml	32	
Trafgr Hse	359	−1
Trans Dv	112½	−1
Travis & A	268	−2
Trident 'A'	a235	
Trinity	258	
Triplex FS	34	
Trusthouse	a148	
Turner & N	105	
Turriff	335	
UBM	144	
UKO Int	106	
Unigate	a143	−1
Unilever	£11 47/64	+1/32
Utd Bisc	214	−8
Utd Parcels	95	+2
Utd News	308	
Utd Scient	a263	+3
Utd Wire	122	
Valor	280	−1
Ventona	294	+1
VG Instrs	254	+4
Vibroplant	a140	
Vickers	245	
Vict Carpt	37	
Volex	125	
WGI	38	
Wadd J	560	+30
Wade Potts	11¼	−1
Wadkin	133	
Wagon Ind	a128	
Ward Hldgs	190	−4
Ward White	220	−2
Waring & G	119	−1
Waterford	46	
Watts Blk	220	
Wedgwood	218	−1
Weir Group	50	+2
Wellman Eng	13	
Westland	118	
Wettern	66	
Wheatsn	96	+2
Whitecroft	148	
W'sale Fit	255	
Widney	a25½	
Wigfall (H)	115	−3
Wilkes (J)	198	
Wilms Cdf	21	
Wilms Hldgs	136	−3
Wimpey G	101	−1
Wolsey-Hughs	303	
Wolst Bs	286	+1
Woodhead	34	
Wdh & Rx	25½	+1
Woolworth	578	−7
Yks Chem	78	+2

Insurance

Alexander	a£25½	+5/16
Britannic	648	+10
Comm Un	182	−1
Equity & L	228	+10
Genl Accdt	578	−3
GRE	640	
Heath C E	628	+15
Hogg Rob'son	a258	+6
Legl & Gn	591	+6
Lon & Mcr	657	+13
Lon Utd	236	
Marsh & Mt	a£60½	+1 5/16
Minet Hldgs	266	+4
Pearl	£11½	+1
Prudential	528	+3
Refuge	298	+8
Royal	555	
Sedgwick	385	+7
S. Wrtsen	577	−10
Sun Al del	405	+4
Sun Life	727	+8
Trade Indem	290	
Willis Fabr	822	+8
Windsor Sec	48	

Investment Trusts

Alliance Trst	688	+3
Amr. Tr	153	+1
AA Secs C	284	
Ashdown	a427	
Atlas AT	118	
Bankers In	a99	
Brit Amer	105	
Brit Assets	a210	
Brit IT	360	+4
City & Cml	35	
Cons est	118	
Derby Inc	a102	
Derby Cap	101	+1
Drayton Japn	407	+1
Drayton Cons	294	
Drayton Prem	404	
Edin Am	232	−2
Electra	128	
Eng & Int	250	
F&C Pac	163	−3
F & C Allianc	93	
Family IT	202	
First Union	a180	
Fleming F.E	325	
Fleming Mer	116	
Fleming Ovs	130	
Fleming Tech	160	
For & Col	141	
Fundinvest	47	−1
Fundinvest C	308	
Gen Funds	588	
Gen Stock	153	
Globe IT	a271	+1
Hambros	158	
Hill (P) IT	253	+1
Inv in Suc	528	
Jove Cap	181	
do Inc	631	
Law Deb C	184	
Ldn, Gar	303	
Lon M Sec	67	
M & G Inc	a319	
M & G Cap	482	+3
Merchants	94	
Murray Inc	115	
do 'B'	112	
Murray Grth	95	
Murray Int	127	−1
Murray SML	181	−2
do 'B'	178	
Murray Vent	283	
N'Thr Inc	37½	
N'Thr Cap	32	
River & M	134	
Robeco	£18¼	−½
Rolinco	£18⅝	−½
Scot Amer In	233	+1
Scot North	127	−2
Sec Alliance	586	−2
Shires IT	e240	
Smaller CPS	74	
Stockhldrs	144	
Tr Aust IT	96	−3
Tr Ind Gen	150	
Tr Tech IT	99	
Tr Tr Trustee	135	
Throgm Tr	a225	−2
Travest Inc	78	
Travest Cap	720	+10
Viking	79	−1

SA Mines

AA Corp	$12½	−¼
AA Gold	$82	−1
Blyvoor GM	$8 7/16	
Bracken M	190	−5
Buffs GM	$34¼	−½
Doornfntn	$15	−½
Driefontein	$24½	−¼
E Rand Pr	$12¼	−¼
Fr Stl Ged	$23¾	−¾
Gencor	$17¼	−¼
GFSA	$13¼	−¼
Groot Prop	$7¼	−¼
Harmony	$13⅛	
Hartebeest G	482c	−7
Joburg C In	a$22¼	+½
Kloof GM	$36¼	−½
Leslie GM	275c	−5
Loraine	335c	−5
Mid Wit W	$9¼	−1
Pres Brand	$25¼	−¾
Pres Steyn	$28¼	−½
Randfontn	a$91¼	−3
St Helena	$18	−½
SA Land	a273c	−17
Stilfnt GM	$9⅛	
Vaal Reefs	a$87	−2
Venst GM	$7¼	−½
Vlakfntn	185c	−5
Welkom	$7 9/16	−½
W Rand C	$4 5/16	−¼
W Deep L	a$36½	−½
Westn Hgs	$29¼	−½
Winkelhk	$20¼	−1

Mining

A-A Inv T	£43	−1
Ayer Htm	280	+5
Br Hill Prp	£339	−10
Charter Con	208	+2
Cons Gold	617	
Cons Murch	£5½	
De Beers Pr	£6¼	−1
De Beers dfd	439	
[illegible]	a193	−2
M'Tay T Dr	53	
Mass (Tr)	120	
MIM (Mun)	17	
Minorco	787	
Mtb B Hill	146	−5
Rio Tinto Z	659	+5
Tronoh Mns	275	
Vendr MT	a110	
W Mining Co	228	−7
Zinc Cpo ts	17½	−1

New Issues

BT	125½	
Jaguar	a332	+12
Osprey	78	
Our Price	371	−2
Robertson R	a241	

a Ex dividend
b Offer accepted
c Non assented
d Ex capital
e Ex rights
f Price adjusted
pp Part Paid

Oil

Anvil Pet	55	
Brit-Brneo	325	+2
Bristol	25	
BP	570	+5
Britoil	215	+4
Burmah	217	+1
Century	75	−3
Charterhall	47	
C'house Pet	103	+2
Clyde Pet	83	
Enterprise	197	+4
Hunting Pt	126	
Imp C Gas	311	
LASMO Ops	510	
LASMO Ord	880	−1
Tricen	150	−2
Premier Con	a48½	
Dutch	£50⅛	+3/16
Shell Trns	785	+7
Tricentrol	e200	−2
Ultramar	205	+2

Property

Allied Londn	104	−1
Bellway	126	
Bilton (P)	222	−2
Bradford Pro	380	
Brit Land	132	
Brixtn Est	127	+1
Cap & Cnt	200	
Chrd Est	205	+2
Chesterfield	420	
Connells Est	91	
Control Sec In	a34	
Daejan	a330	−5
Est Prp Inv	a143	−7
Evans-Leeds	70	
Grt Port E	150	+2
Greycoat	204	
Hmrsn-A	500	
Haslemere	494	−2
Laing Prop	294	
Land Sec	294	
Lynton	305	
Marlborough	51	−½
MEPC	287	
Mountleigh	e295	+10
Mountview	a315	−5
Muckiow	78	
Peachey Pr	246	+2
Prop Hldg	117	
Prop Sec In	a128	
Raglan	8½	
Rush & T	216	
Samuel Prop	150	
Scot Met P	81	
Slough Ests	180	+1
Sterling	671	−½
Stock Conv	a418	+2
Trafford Pk	218	
Utd Real	495	
Warnford	420	
Webb (J)	23	

Rubber

Barlow Hlds	103	+1
Grnd Cent	12	+½
High & Low	88	+1

Shipping

Br & Com	251	
Common Br	70	
Harris G	85	
IOM Stm	123	
Jacobs (J)	51½	
LSFS	3	+1
Ocean T & T	149	
P & O Dfd	358	−2
Reardon 'A'	6	
Runciman	76	

Tea & Coffee

Camellia	£26	
Lawrie	£14½	

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

TOURIST RATES — BANK SELLS

Austria	24.85	Greece	147	Portugal	192
Belgium	71.50	Ireland	1.15	Spain	195
Canada	1.46	Italy	2,195	Sweden	10.12
Denmark	12.82	Malta	0.58	Switzerland	3
France	10.86	Netherlands	4.03	USA	1.09
Germany	3.54	Norway	10.24	Yugoslavia	280

STERLING RATES

	Closing Market Rates	Previous Closing Rates	FORWARD RATES (One month)
Australia	1.6020–1.6050	1.4857–1.4990	
Austria	25.40–25.48	25.19–25.24	15.25 to 14.125 gro prem
Belgium	72.74–72.92	72.23–72.44	24c to 18c prem
Canada	1.4687–1.4724	1.4614–1.4656	0.51c to 0.46c prem
Denmark	12.93–12.97	12.86–12.89	4.75 to 3.75 ore prem
France	11.06–11.09	10.98–11.02	3.125c to 2.75c prem
Germany	3.61–3.62	3.59–3.60	2.50 to 2.25 pfg prem
Greece	n/a	145.73–146.67	
Hong Kong	8.49–8.50	8.51–8.52	
Ireland	1.1628–1.1638	1.1567–1.1577	
Italy	2,230–2,238	2,216–2,226	1 lire prem to 0.75 lire dis
Japan	284.54–284.97	283–284	
Netherlands	4.09–4.10	4.06–4.07	2.50c. to 2.125c. Premium
Norway	10.35–10.38	10.30–10.39	1.375 to 0.625 ore prem
Portugal	197.78–200.15	194.74–196.10	185 to 520 esc dis
Spain	199.42–199.95	198.15–198.56	
Sweden	10.20–10.23	10.15–10.17	0.25 ore prem to 0.375 ore ds
Switzerland	3.0716–3.0777	3.05–3.06	2.125c to 1.875c prem
USA	1.0920–1.0930	1.0910–1.0925	0.48c to 0.44c prem

Dollar cross rates against: Swiss franc 2.81; French franc 10.13; DM 3.31; yen 260.50.

INTEREST RATES

UK HIGH STREET %

Bank deposit: 8.5–9
Bank base rate: 14
Bank overdraft: 15–17
Building society mortgage: 12.5–13
Building society deposit: 7.75
Finance house rate: 10.5

UK MONEY MARKETS %

	7 day	1 month	3 months	6 months
Treasury bill	—	13⅞	13⅞	—
Eligible Bills	—	13 13/16	13⅞	12 15/16
Interbank Rate	14	14⅛	14	13 ⅞
Discount Market	14			

INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS %

	1 month	3 months	6 months
Eurodollar	8 11/16	9⅛	9 9/16
Euro DM	5 13/16	6⅛	6¼
Euro Fr fr	10 13/16	11⅛	11⅛
Euro SW fr	5 11/16	5⅞	5 15/16

US INTEREST RATES: Federal Funds 8⅝; US prime rates 10½

FA CUP FIFTH ROUND

David Lacey — Millwall 2, Leicester 0

McLeary puts Lions through

SOCCER

Millwall, conquerors of Chelsea in the fourth round, knocked out another First Division side in the fifth when they defeated Leicester City 2-0 in a passionate encounter at The Den last night.

After John Fashanu had given them the lead at the end of the first half, the Third Division team showed just how good a football side they can be, and a 20-yard drive from McLeary completed their victory less than a minute after a header from Leicester's O'Neill had bounced on and over the bar.

The prospect of a quarter-final at Luton or Watford that would present them with a difficult but viable route to the last four could only have stiffened Millwall's resolve. They were faced with a Leicester side capable of producing excellent attacking football in patches, but subject to flat spots for no apparent reason.

The pitch had been passed fit in the early afternoon but remained a test of iron for both teams. Conditions like this, with the ball bouncing awkwardly and players finding it difficult to stop and turn, often fudged any difference in status and ability

That did not stop either team from setting out to prove that anything the opposition could do they could do faster.

Leicester soon showed that they had the means to lance the middle of the Millwall defence, which struggled to keep its feet, when Lineker and Alan Smith were unleashed at the right moment. Lynex also showed admirable balance in his forays along an icy right wing.

Against that the First Division defenders appeared no less ill at ease when threatened by the close control of Otulakowski, Lovell's sense of a scoring opportunity, and John Fashanu's elbows. A well-flighted free kick from Otulakowski gave Lovell the chance of a firm header that Andrews was grateful to see coming straight at him.

That sent another wave of noisy optimism through The Den, but Leicester were creating clearer opportunities and after shaking off two challenges from Lindsay Smith, Lineker's sharp flick of a shot was thwarted only by the speed of Sansome's reflexes as he dropped on the ball.

A number of Millwall shots either went wide or were charged down. Leicester gained more poise as the game progressed but with their defenders likely to lose their feet at any moment in either penalty area the sheer zest of the Third Division team gave them an equal hope of a goal.

Eventually they went ahead on the stroke of half-time with the last of thousands of latecomers still struggling into the ground. A forward header from Stevens sent Fashanu charging into the penalty area on the right and after holding off an attempted tackle from O'Neill he beat Andrews with a well-struck shot low into the far corner of the net.

Twice at the start of the second half Lineker's speed took him clear of the last Millwall defender. But Sansome saved one shot with his legs and saw another curl over the bar.

O'Neill seemed certain to bring the score level when a floated free kick from Banks found him unmarked at the far post, but the Millwall goalkeeper saved his header superbly, flinging himself along his line to deflect the ball wide.

Millwall: Sansome; Stevens, Hinshelwood, McLeary, Smith, Cusack, Lowndes, Fashanu, Chatterton, Lovell, Otulakowski.
Leicester City: Andrews; Freeley, Wilson, B. Smith, Williams, O'Neill, Lynex, Lineker, A. Smith, Ramsey, Banks.
Referee: T. J. Holbrook (Wolverhampton).

Legacy of the hooligans

The next European Championship are almost certain to be awarded to West Germany. David Lacey on why England have missed out

IN THREE years' time the Football Association will be celebrating its 125th anniversary, the Football League its centenary. No doubt the occasions will be marked by a banquet or two or even special matches if they can be fitted round the Milk Cup and the Freight Rover Trophy.

But after Monday's meeting of UEFA in Berne, it is highly unlikely that England will be allowed to proclaim those landmarks in the ideal way by staging the 1988 European Championship: on March 15 West Germany will almost certainly be ratified as host. Ted Croker, the FA's secretary is hoping that the full executive committee of UEFA can still be persuaded to overrule Monday's decision of their organising commiteee. Well, there is no harm in hoping.

It is high time the Germans were given a European Championship: in 1974 they carried off the first security-conscious World Cup with scarcely the bat of an eyelid: they have the best facilities for spectators and the media and on that score alone were always the favourites to win the UEFA vote.

Nevertheless, England have presented a strong case, and one that was argued cogently by Bert Millichip, the FA's chairman, in Berne. They have not been host to a major international tournament since the 1966 World Cup, and Millichip presented two plans of operation for an English European Championship, one using eight stadiums, the other nine, with Wembley the venue for the final. He offered an attractive financial argument of the kind that tends to influence such matters.

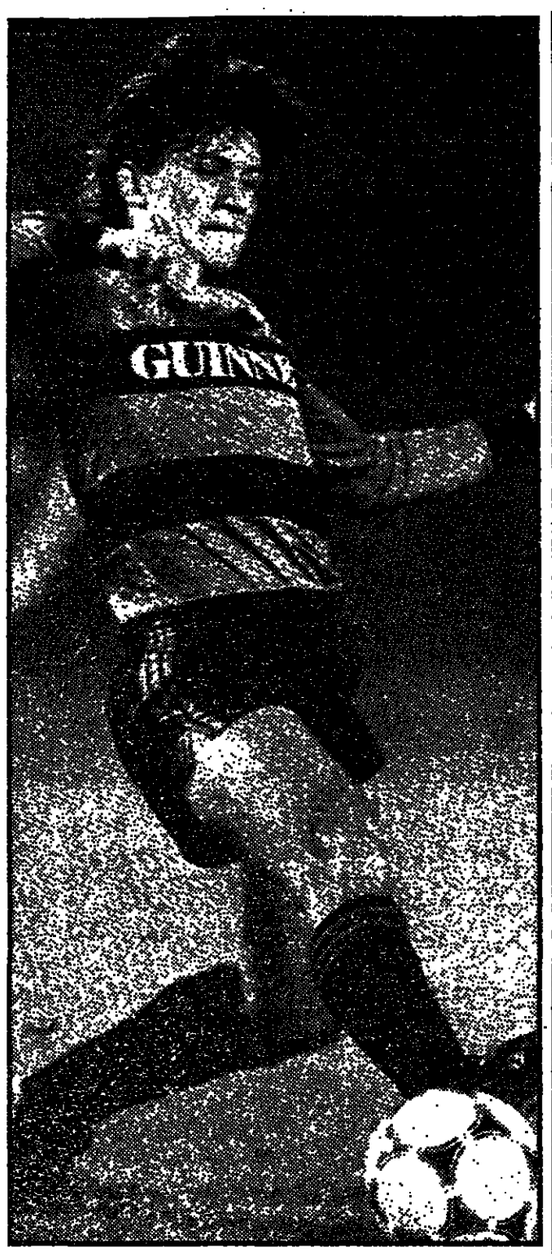
However, England have been rejected by the organising committee chiefly because UEFA could not banish from their minds the image of a drunken lout draped in a grimy union flag smashing his way through the bars of Europe: the English hooligan abroad. Clearly, the tournament's organisers, while willing to lend a sympathetic ear to Mr Millichip, did not see any logic in taking their Championship to the home of hooliganism.

Berne is not far from Basle, the Swiss scene of some of the English fans' worst excesses in 1981, another dubious battle honour to be added to Luxembourg, Turin, Copenhagen and others.

Other facts have counted against England. Our biggest grounds are safer and more comfortable than they were in 1966 and in some instances more accessible by road than they used to be; but too many grounds remain trapped in a pre-war environment with poor car parking, refreshment and lavatory facilities.

As a football arena Wembley is better than the Olympic Stadium in Munich provided one has the right seat, but by 1988 it will have reached the pensionable age of 65 and will hardly be ideal as a setting for the climax of a modern international competition.

Thus the decision of UEFA's organising committee to reject England's plea is understandable: the irony is that if we do qualify for the 1988 final West Germany will already have one source of annoyance encamped in their midst: the rougher element among British forces which in the past have been partly responsible for causing trouble at England's games on the Continent. Still, UEFA can always change their minds come the Ides of March.



GOING HOME . . . Simon Stainrod, to Hillsborough for Wednesday's record fee

Patrick Barclay

Stainrod goes to Wednesday

Those who thought it was a joke when speculation linked Sheffield Wednesday, those champions of the work ethic, with Simon Stainrod were confounded yesterday when the deal went through.

Wednesday have paid £250,000, their highest-ever fee, for the QPR striker whose cavalier style causes delight and outrage in roughly equal measure. After scoring 51 goals in 156 appearances for the London club, he will begin his Wednesday career by serving a two-match suspension—the result of his second dismissal of the season.

Stainrod, born in Sheffield 26 years ago, began with Sheffield United and, after two years at Oldham, joined QPR in November 1980, he toured South America with a depleted England squad last summer, but featured in the general Loftus Road decline this season. He had a row with the former manager Alan Mullery on the way back from their extraordinary UEFA Cup defeat in Belgrade and was put on the transfer list. The club later signed John Byrne and Michael Robinson, both strikers.

The move underlines the determination of Wednesday's manager, Howard Wilkinson, to show there is room for individual flair within his framework of relentless team effort. He must be confident in his ability to harness Stainrod, who may be intended as a replacement for Imre Varadi, the club's leading scorer. Varadi's contract expires this summer.

The team will remain undisturbed for Sunday's re-arranged match against Watford at Hillsborough. The fixture has been brought forward from April because the clubs' scheduled opponents on Saturday, Norwich and Ipswich, are to meet in a Milk Cup semi-final.

Eddie Niedzwiecki, the Chelsea goalkeeper, should be fit for tonight's second leg of the other semi-final, against Sunderland at Stamford Bridge, despite knee trouble in training yesterday. Steve Francis has nevertheless been put on standby. Sunderland are unchanged.

Liverpool, too, will keep the side that drew at York on Saturday for tonight's FA Cup fifth-round replay at Anfield. Craig Johnston and Jan Molby will be challenged by Sammy Lee for the substitute's role, Ricky Sbragia, the central defender who scored a late equaliser for the Third Division side, is doubtful with a groin strain.

England have called Lou Donawa, the Norwich winger, into the Under-21 squad for next week's trip to Israel. He replaces Trevor Steven, of Everton, who is going to Northern Ireland on World Cup duty with the seniors. Tommy Wright, of Leeds, misses the Scotland Under-21 visit to Spain because his club are playing Carlisle.

● Bristol City will not seek a personal hearing from the FA after being accused of failing to control spectators. Oxford referee Dennis Hedges reported the club after being hit by a coin as he left the field following Walsall's 2-1 win at Ashton Gate on February 2. It is the third time in 13 months City have been in trouble for crowd disturbances.

WELSH RUGBY

DIARY

Martyn Williams

Still waters run deep

THE WEATHER has so far denied David Waters, the Newport lock, his first cap, but it may yet turn out to be his ally. The delay until the weekend in announcing the Welsh team theoretically gives Robert Norster of Cardiff an opportunity to convince the selectors that he is fully recovered from his jaw injury by playing in the Cardiff-Neath cup tie.

But the pitches in the east are still frozen, making Saturday's Schweppes Cup matches only an optimistic possibility. Would the selectors gamble on an untried Norster?

On hearing of the England postponement, the chairman of selectors, Rod Morgan, declared: "I can only sympathise with the unlucky Waters." Could mean anything.

AN IRISHMAN, living in Wales, is puting together a Scottish invitational team for a French tour. The Saltires RFC, formed eight years ago as an occasional member club of the Glasgow and district RU, has John Long as its president.

After making their first appearance at this year's Bridgend sevens tournament, the Saltires travelled to France for two matches. Several Irish and Scots internationals have played for the club in the past, but Long, one of the club's founder members is anxious to have half a dozen Welshmen in on the next trip. Long, an oil company executive living in south Wales, is an ex-Edinburgh Wanderers prop.

MRS LILLA MORIARTY, mother of the two Swansea players, Richard and Paul, has sprung to the defence of her Welsh international son, after being incensed at one particular match report of Swansea's recent game against Neath.

"I don't think I'm a bigot, but it hurts to see your son attacked in the press. I have taken abuse before and turned a deaf ear, but there seems to be an endless campaign against Richard," says Mrs Moriarty, who watches her sons as often as she can.

"But you can't win," she claims. Mrs Moriarty rang up the Western Mail to complain to the sports editor about his reporter's account of the match, only to discover that the editor and reporter were the same person. . . .

PERHAPS the April 20 date for the Wales-England match is not such a bad one after all. True, the Welsh schools will have to rearrange their match with their English counterparts, it is just a week before the Cup final, and the Spanish XV play a Friday-evening game against Wales B on the 19th.

Several Welsh clubs are also due to play English opposition on that date: Moseley, Cheltenham and Nottingham travel to Wales. Bath and Bristol also face Welsh clubs.

An official letter from the WRU has just arrived, confirming the changed date and the unaltered kick-off time. Tickets originally issued will remain valid.

The union's concern about the rearrangements is touching. The final sentence reads: "Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we shall assume that you will be able to join us on that occasion." Wouldn't miss it for the world!

Christopher Dodd

'Henry' is the Light Blues' first lady

ROWING

CAMBRIDGE have selected their first woman to steer in the Boat Race on Easter Saturday, April 6 (2.45pm), and Oxford have included Bruce Philp, the first Blue to change sides in the history of the event.

Henrietta "Henry" Shaw, a 22-year-old modern languages student at St John's College, becomes Cambridge's first lady, following Susan Brown, who steered Oxford in 1981 and 1982.

"I am very proud and happy to be a member of such a good crew," Miss Shaw said yesterday. At 5ft 3in Cambridge's new cox may well have difficulty seeing round the men in front of her to take avoiding action when fced with barges. "I'm going to have an eye test," she joked.

Miss Shaw, whose father Giles is a junior Home Office Minister and who coxed Lady Margaret, the boat club of his daughter's collage, in 1954, believes her racing weight will be close to 6 stone. She does not have to diet to maintain her normal weight of 6½ stone. A vegetarian, she says she would like a career in health foods, "definitely not in politics."

Philp, included by Oxford's president, Lynton Richmond, rowed for Cambridge in 1982 and 1983 but was relegated to the Cambridge reserve crew Goldie last year. Now studying clinical medicine at Worcester College, he says he feels no prick of conscience about changing sides. "After all," he said, "there is a long history of traitors at Cambridge. He is enjoying the change of scenery and says he has enjoyed better coaching at Oxford than at Cambridge.

Both crews look good on paper. Oxford maintain their recent record of including more postgraduates, more foreigners, and more Blues. They have the Pennsylvania oarsman Fran Reininger at stroke, the Olympic oarsman Bill Lang back at seven, last year's president, the Australian international Graham Jones, at six, and Seth Lesser from Princeton coxing for his second year.

It was Lesser who won Oxford's brilliant trials race from Putney to Mortlake last December when he drove across Fulham flats and took his opponents from behind.

Cambridge have dropped last year's stroke, John Kinsella, to the reserves with the gritty Canadian Geoff Barnard in his place. He is backed up by two Olympic Blues, the president John Garrett and the 1980 silver-medal winner John Pritchard.

While Pritchard is the mouth and motivator of the crew, the No 3 man David Hughes has been described by one of his coaches as "taciturn to the point of Trappism."

Selection and training have been held up by the weather. Oxford have contended with ice flows in the Thames which ripped one of their shells, while Cambridge are commuting to the London docks while the Great Ouse at Ely and the Cam at Cambridge are frozen. Both have been invited to Brazil after the Boat Race to face each other again in Rio and Sao Paulo. They must be wishing that their trip to a hot spot was coming sooner.

Oxford move to Marlow next week under Mike Spracklen, who coached Britain's coxed four to a gold medal in the Olympic Games. Cambridge's gold medal Olympic coach, Neil Campbell, returns from Canada for two weeks next month, but the crews will be finished off for their final fortnight by Dan Topolski and Alan Inns respectively.

Inns is steering the Italian national squad in the Head of the River Race, before the Boat Race, and will arrange a fixture between his Light Blues and the Italians.

He is mugging up some colourful language in preparation. "I don't speak any Italian," he said, "but a snarl sounds much the same in any language. I'm now known as Alfonso Innsio."

Ladbrokes odds are 1-2 Oxford, 6-4 Cambridge.

OXFORD: Bow, G. Cartledge (Hampton and New); C. L. Richmond (St Edward's and Christ Church); *B. M. Philp (Downing Coll Cam and Worcester); A. W. S. Thomas (Winchester and Pembroke); P. M. Rare (St Albans and Balliol); *G. R. D. Jones (Univ of Sydney, Australia, and New); *W. J. Lang (Wallingford GS and Magdalen); Stroke: F. M. Reisinger (Univ of Pennsylvania, US, and University); Cox: *G. R. Lesser (Princeton Univ, US, and Magdalen).
CAMBRIDGE: Bow, J. S. Witter (Pangbourne and St Catharine's); M. L. Pasternak (Bradford GS and Magdalene); J. C. Hughes (Bedford Modern and Downing); P. H. Brenchley (Southampton Univ. and Magdalene); S. Peel (King's Sch Chester and Downing); *J. M. Pritchard St Clement Danes and Robinson); *J. L. Sharrett (Shrewsbury and St John's); Stroke: *S. A. Barnard (Lakefield College Sch, Canada, and Robinson); Cox: Henrietta Shaw (Harrogate College and St John's). *denotes Blue.

HOCKEY

Pat Rowley

GB coach dilemma



WHITAKER: Professional

The Hockey Association has to decide today whether to come to terms with the demands of modern sport or to continue their tradition of true-blue amateurism.

The success of Britain's team at the Los Angeles Olympics, and the HA's ambitious decision to host the 1986 World Cup, have brought matters to a head and precipitated today's special general meeting to discuss whether to appoint David Whitaker, the GB coach, as a professional team coach of the England team at a cost of £39,000 for two years.

There is no doubt that England shoud employ a professional coach, even if there were not a World Cup in 20 month's time. Most of the world's leading national teams made such appointments years ago, and even the leading club sides in countries like Germany and the Netherlands have paid coaches.

The investment has paid dividends abroad; there has been a huge increase in the number of players taking up the game in the Netherlands, which has greatly increased the Dutch Association's revenue.

Sadly, the HA has shown itself singularly ill-equipped to capitalise even on Britain's Olympic success. Notably, there has been no apparent effort to persuade schools to take up the game.

● India, who have been invited to play in the Willesden quadrilangular tournament in October, have withdrawn from the four-nation tournament at Amsterdam in June. The Dutch are keen to replace India with Great Britain.

SNOOKER

Thorne is thrashed

Ray Reardon and Willie Thorne, both went down to unexpected defeats in the second round of the £250,000 Dulux British Open at Derby yesterday.

Reardon, six times world champion, suffered a 5-4 reverse at the hands of Dave Martin of Peterlee while Thorne, winner of the Mercantile Credit Classic last month, fell to an even more humiliating 5-0 defeat by the reigning Scottish champion Murdo McLeod.

Reardon, wearing spectacles for the first time in tournament play, seemed well on his way to victory when he opened up a 4-1 lead. But Martin compiled a winning 44 break in the sixth frame before coming from 4-54 to win the next with a 62 clearance.

Martin then enjoyed a run of 53 that saw him level at 4-4 and he went on to take the decider 88-43.

Thorne never got into his stride against McLeod, who took just 98 minutes to complete one of the most comprehensive victories of his professional career.

Chris Moore reports from St Moritz

Soviets lose Swiss sled

BOBSLEIGH

The top Soviet team were unhappy yesterday at being denied further use of the Swiss sled they drove on the previous day's practice for this weekend's four-man competition at the European Championships in St Moritz.

They had to revert to one of their own conventional sleds, in which they will now have only six training laufs instead of eight.

The Soviets were not saying much about the Swiss Ekkehard Fasser's overnight change of mind about lending them his sled even before racing yesterday. After slipping from eighth fastest in the Swiss sled on Monday to 16th in their own they were saying nothing.

Fasser, the 1983 world four-man champion, was brought to heel at a meeting with the president of the Swiss Bobsleigh Federation, Erwin Brazeral, after two of Switzerland's other former world champions, Erich Scharer and Ralph Pichler, expressed their concern that if the Soviets used Fasser's sled, they could beat one of the Swiss teams to a medal.

Fasser still believes the Swiss would have finished ahead of the Soviets in any event. But, after hearing of Brazeral's and team members' objections, he withdrew the offer to the Soviets.

Meanwhile, Switzerland's defending champion Silvio Giobellina set an unofficial track record with 1min 06.27sec on his first run, only to see that bettered on the next lauf by Olympic champion Wolfgang Hoppe, who was down in 1-06.66.

Mafe hopes to add Athens medal

ATHLETICS

Four of Britain's six medallists from the world indoor games in Paris—Ade Mafe, Tod Bennett, Jonathan Ridgeon and Heather Oakes—are in a 19-strong British team for the European indoor championships in Athens on March 2-3.

David Lewis, who has also enjoyed a successful winter, turned down a place because he wants to run in the national cross-country championships at Milton Keynes on March 2.

Despite her indoor success Zola Budd had no plans to run in Athens. She has a road race scheduled for Phoenix, Arizona, on March 2.

The selectors have named three Southampton runners for the men's 400 metres—Bennett and his fellow Olympic relay bronze medallist Kris Akabusi, plus the promising Roger Black.

Liverpool's Rob Harrison is bracketed for the 800 and 1,500 metres and will be allowed to decide which event to tackle.

GB. — Men. 60M: M. McFarlane (Haringey). L. Asquith (Birchfield). 200M: A. Mafe (London Irish). L. Christie (Thames Valley). E. Tallack (Sale). 400M: T. Bennett, K. Akabusi, R. Black (all Southampton). 800-1500M: R. Harrison (Liverpool). 60M Hurdles: J. Ridgeon (Cambridge). N. Walker (Cardiff). C. Jackson (Cardiff).
Women. 60M: H. Oakes (Haringey). 200M: J. Bantiste (Wolverhampton). 800M: K. McDermott (Bristol). 1500M: L. MacDonald (Glasgow). 3000M: V. Murray (Edinburgh AS). High Jump: D. Davies (Leicester). Shot: J. Oakes (Croydon).

RESULTS

Soccer

FA CUP. — Fifth Round: Millwall 2, Leicester 0.
CANON LEAGUE. — SECOND DIVISION: Fulham 1, Oxford 0.
FOURTH DIVISION.—Blackpool 1, Swindon 0.
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY. — First Round, Second Leg: Preston 0, Rochdale 1 (2-3); Walsall 5, Derby 3 (5-4). Second Round: Bradford 1, Mansfield 2; Bournemouth 2, Torquay 0.
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION.—Celtic 4, Morton 0.
SECOND DIVISION.—Albion 1, East Stirling 0. Cowdenbeath 0, Stenhousemuir 1 (Abandoned 74min.).

Basketball

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. — Cleveland Cavaliers 120 Philadelphia 76ers 113; Detroit Pistons 122, Phoenix Suns 103; Boston Celtics 110, Utah Jazz 94; Los Angeles Clippers 125 San Antonio Spurs 121.

Tennis

MEN'S GRAND PRIX (La Quinta, Calif).—First round: (US unless stated) S. Perkiss (Aus) beat D. Perez (Ur) 6-2, 7-6; J. Connorsson (Swe) beat P. Doohan (Aust) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; M. Mitchell beat B. Tarocy (Hun) 6-2, 6-3; B. Latz beat M. Davis 7-6, 6-5; R. Seguso beat T. Moor 6-4, 7-6; M. Westphal (W. Ger) beat J. Landius 6-4, 6-4; T. Nelson beat S. Glickstein (Is) 6-4, 6-2; T. Benhabiles (Fra) beat D. Goldie 6-3, 7-6; R. Simpson (NZ) beat M. Bauer 7-6, 6-2; T. Tulasne (Fra) beat G. Forget (Fra) 7-6, 4-6, 7-6; S. Zivilinovic (Yugo) beat P. Arraya (Peru) 6-4, 6-3; L. Pimek (Czech) beat V. Pecci (Para) 6-4, 6-4; L. Stefanki beat K. Belcher 7-5, 2-6, 6-2; B. Testerman beat T. Wilkison 7-5, 2-6, 6-2; B. Moir (SA) beat B. Willenborg 0-6, 6-4, 7-6; G. Holmes beat D. Visser (SA) 6-3, 6-3.
LTA SATELLITE CIRCUIT MASTERS TOURNAMENT (Heston).—First round: M. Albert (Neth) bt L. Rosinek (US) 6-1, 6-4; B. Devlin (NZ) bt R. Whichello (Kent) 6-4, 6-3; S. Eriksson (Swe) bt J. Veldmans (Neth) 6-1, 6-2; J. Bates (Surrey) bt L. Alfred (Wales) 7-6, 6-2.
OAKLAND CHAMPIONSHIP (US unless stated).—D. Spence beat T. Phelps 6-2, 1-6, 6-3; K. Skeeter beat A. Henriksson 7-5, 6-4; L. Bowler beat Y. Vermaak (SA) 3-6, 6-3, 7-5; A. Manitou beat S. Walsh 7-6, 6-2; A. Tanesvari (Hun) beat R. Fairbank (SA) 7-5, 6-2; C. Tanvier (Fra) beat M. Gurney 6-4, 6-3.

Snooker

DULUX BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (Derby).—Second Round: M. McLeod (Edinburgh) bt W. Thorne (Leicester) 5-0. Frame Scores (McLeod first): 80-26, 65-17, 99-34, 71-31, 64-23.

Ice Hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE.—Philadelphia Flyers 8, Pittsburgh Penguins 2; Edmonton Oilers 5, Buffalo Sabres 4.

FIXTURES

Soccer

(7.30 unless stated)
MILK CUP.—Semi-final, second leg: Chelsea v. Sunderland, postponed.
FA CUP.—Fifth Round: Ipswich v. Sheffield Wednesday, Wimbledon v. West Ham (7.45). Fifth Round replay: Liverpool v. York.
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY.—First Round, second leg: Chester v. Bury, Brentford v. Reading (7.45) Bristol City v. Hereford (7.45).
SCOTTISH CUP.—Fourth Round replay: Hearts v. Brechin.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Premier Division: Dundee v. St Mirren.
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION.—Airdrie v. Ayr; Partick v. Clydebank.
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION.—Montrose v. Queen of the South; Raith v. Berwick.

Hockey

REPRESENTATIVE: UAU v. Hockey Association XI (Loughborough, 2.45); British College v. UAU II (1.30).
ASAM LONDON LEAGUE.—Oxford University v. Teddington (transferred to Bisham, 2.30).

BADMINTON: Helen Troke, the Commonwealth and European champion, is one of several leading England players who are refusing to take part in this year's national championships at Coventry from April 12-14, because they claim they are playing too much. Other definite absentees include Nick Yates, Martin Dew and Nora Perry.

Bob Fisher in Miami

Frers link with US Cup boat

SAILING

The highly-talented Argentinian designer German Frers may be masterminding a third 12-metre boat for the New York Yacht club's America's Cup syndicate.

Frers was present at the syndicate's meeting in Miami yesterday when it was announced that a third boat would be built next winter. It is understood that his name would have been officially linked with the project but for a last-minute change of heart forced by political considerations.

The Conditions Governing the Challenge, the rules under which the Cup races are held, specifically states that the designer shall be a national or a resident of the challenging country.

Frers has made an application for American citizenship but this has yet to be granted and the NYYC, which made such strong accusations about Dutch involvement in the design of Australia II in 1983, would not want any similar charge laid against it.

Although confidence was expressed in Sparkman and Stephens, designers of the other two boats, the syndicate's chairman, Chuck Kirsch, hedged when questioned on the third. "We are pleased with the results, but we couldn't announce that we are going 100 per cent with Sparkman and Stephens or that we are going with another designer," he said.

The second 12-metre is currently being built at Newport, Rhode Island, and will sail with America II off New England this summer.

Meanwhile, America II's skipper John Kolius pointed out that he considered the 50 days spent off Perth recently was invaluable. "It's not like anywhere else I have sailed in the world," he said, "and that includes Bermuda, San Francisco Bay and Hawaii."

He was referring to the three places where other US syndicates are to train in conditions thought to be similar to those off Fremantle.

Matthew Engel reports from Ballarat on a day of injuries and fast-bowling ineptitude

Now harassed England lose Robinson

CRICKET

ENGLAND yesterday reverted to an old happy tradition, lately fallen into disuse, when they played an up-country match in Australia. However, events at the old gold-mining town of Ballarat fell into the melancholy pattern of England's cricket since they arrived in Australia, with an embarrassingly narrow victory over a Victorian XI by four runs — exactly the margin by which England beat the Sydney Metropolitan XI last week — another pathetic display by the fast bowlers and, worst of all, two injuries that may leave them with only 12 players for the rest of the World Championship.

Injuries are also part of the tradition of country games. Many times before, England batsmen have found themselves facing enthusiastic bowlers on dodgy wickets, and have paid the penalty. It happened again yesterday. Tim Robinson was hit on the right thumb and Chris Cowdrey on the wrist by balls that bounced unpredictably.

Robinson's thumb is broken, and it is most improbable that he will play again on this tour. Cowdrey's wrist was diagnosed as bruised, but last night he was in severe pain, and personally convinced that he also had a fracture. He will have another X-ray today.

Gatting also had to go to the Ballarat hospital for treatment to the hand he injured on Sunday, and at one time one imagined the Flying Doctor suddenly swooping in and sweeping the whole team away. Gatting is not seriously hurt, there are still six days before England play another competitive match (against India), and it is possible that yesterday's injuries will have a useful effect, since the absence of Cowdrey would force David Gower to bring in Moxon as a specialist opener and forget the futile experiment with Downton.

Nevertheless, England's resources are now stretched dangerously thin, and the rules of the World Championship forbid the inclusion of anyone not in the original 14.

Furthermore, the entire fast-bowling department, although fit enough, is performing alarmingly badly. England's near-defeat was the result of dreadful bowling by both Agnew, who conceded 58 runs off only 38 balls, and Cowans.

As with Wessels on Sunday, they found themselves up against a man who obviously relished short-pitched bowling, and decided to oblige him: in this case it was the former Test opener, Davenall Whatmore, who made 99, having charged to his first 50 off only 12 overs.

Afterwards, when a classically ashen-faced Gower would only tell the press: "I've run out of words," the team was given a captain's lecture, and Agnew received a lengthy, private ear-bashing from the team manager, Tony Brown and his assistant, Norman Gifford. Agnew is having run-up and no-ball problems, and will have a special workout today.

The opposition, it is fair to point out, were not the usual collection of able rustics, but the Victorian State XI, at full strength apart from Jones, Hogg and O'Donnell, who are in the Australian squad. It was perhaps too strong a team for England to face in a practice match on a hard and uneven club wicket. England had not been to Ballarat since 1946-47, and it is even rarer for Victoria to play here.

But it is good to leave the floodlit canyons of the big cities: it restores your faith in the game. England used to play 22 men of Ballarat regularly in the 19th century gold-rush days, and there is an elm tree on the ground reputedly planted by W.G.

Yesterday 4,000 people turned out in the sunshine — kids in tee-shirts, impassive farmers in wide-brimmed hats — and you could smell all the gum leaves of Victoria down the main street in the evening breeze. One was sure the "Kill the Poms" banner in the crowd was meant kindly. The game was even played with a red ball.

After the unfortunate start, when Robinson was struck by a ball pitched only just short of a length by a youngster called Richard McCarthy, who was making his first state appearance, the England innings settled into a useful pattern. The 50 overs produced 268 for five, with everyone making a few runs, Moxon with considerable conviction and Lamb to particularly good effect. He rattled up 95 off 71 balls, and England settled back to let the game fall into their laps.

The Victoria opener, Peter Young, was out quickly enough, but then Whatmore and Graham Yallop tore into the England bowlers, using the pace of the pitch, the short boundaries and the rule that permits only two outfielders for the first 15 overs. By then they had scored 117.

The partnership revived memories of the darkest hours of Australian cricket, when the great names had signed for Packer, and Whatmore and Yallop were the fragile flowers of official Australia. Since then, poor old Yallop has lost the captaincy not only of Australia and Victoria but even of his club side—he makes Kim Hughes look like a real winner—and Whatmore, recalled to the state team only last month after two years' absence, has decidedly, shall we say, thickened out.

But Yallop remains a batsman of considerable quality, and Whatmore used his new weight to advantage. He hit the ball viciously, and for a while it looked as though Victoria would cruise to victory. Then England's willingness to use slow bowlers again showed its value.

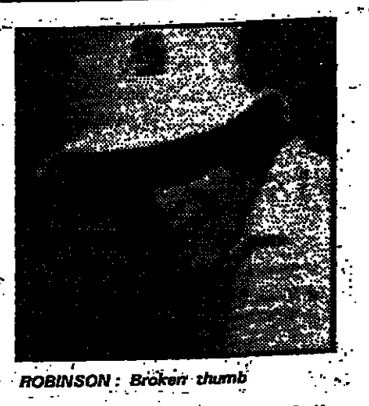
Edmonds slowed the run-rate at one end, and Marks drew the batsmen into all kinds of error at the other. Marks had a burst of five wickets for 16 in 33 balls, through flight, guile and the batsmen's cockiness rather than turn, and when Whatmore top-edged to backward point in the thirtieth over and missed his 100, Victoria had gone from 137 for one to 168 for six.

Unfortunately, the fast bowlers had to come back, and the seventh-wicket pair of Peter King and Ray Wright, the captain, swung the game back towards Victoria. With only 17 wanted off seven overs, England's position looked hopeless.

Gower needed Foster, who had shone only in comparison, at one end, Edmonds and Marks had finished, Cowans and Agnew looked hopeless, Cowdrey had tried to field but had given up in agony, and Moxon's bowling, good enough for Yorkshire in one-day cricket, is regarded by Gower as totally innocuous. So he turned to Lamb, who does nothing with the ball but can bowl it more-or-less straight.

It was a desperate last bluff, but, in retrospect, it may look like a master-stroke. Lamb made the batsmen — and maybe the recognised bowlers — stop and think, and suddenly the rest of England's attack looked more dangerous. King skied a catch to silly mid-off, the wicket-keeper, Dimattina, was bowled, and McCarthy was caught at mid-on.

Bright was left with only the last man, Simon Davis, a genuine rabbit, and seven runs still wanted. Bright then lofted Agnew to deep mid-off, where the substitute, Ellison, took his third excellent catch of the innings, running in, skidding to a halt and holding on. The post-game atmosphere in both dressing rooms was poisonous.



ROBINSON: Broken thumb

Lamb was named as man of the match and given a $400 gold nugget dug up locally. However, England unearthed nothing else worthwhile yesterday. They go to nearby Bendigo to play the Victorian Second XI tomorrow with their morale at rock-bottom.

Robinson, meanwhile, returns sadly to Melbourne today. He will stay in Australia; England might yet need to strap him up and wheel him out even if his thumb is still broken. Also, he might just recover in time for the final. On current form, though, England's chances of getting there look very slender indeed.

● The World Championship match between West Indies and New Zealand, originally scheduled for yesterday at Sydney, was postponed until tomorrow after persistent rain began to fall half-an-hour before the intended start.

● New Zealand beat India by two runs in the second one-day women's international in New Delhi yesterday, to take a 2-0 lead in the five-match series. The visitors scored 174 for seven in 50 overs, setting India an apparently easy task of 3.5 runs an over. But a spate of run-outs proved decisive.

ONE-DAY SCOREBOARD AT BALLARAT

ENGLAND

P. R. Downton c Dimattina b King	23
R. T. Robinson retired hurt	3
M. D. Moxon c Jordan b Bright	36
D. I. Gower c Siddons b Phillips	30
A. J. Lamb b McCarthy	95
C. S. Cowdrey c Whatmore b Davis	32
V. J. Marks not out	14
P. H. Edmonds not out	7
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 5, nb 3)	19
Total (for 5, 50 overs)	268

Fall of wickets: 29, 104, 130, 215, 253.

Did not bat: J. P. Agnew, N. A. Foster, N. G. Cowans.

Bowling: Davis 10-1-60-1; McCarthy 10-1-60-1; King 10-0-43-1; Yallop 10-1-46-1; Bright 10-1-42-1.

VICTORIAN XI

P. Young c Edmonds b Foster	0
D. F. Whatmore c Lamb b Marks	99
G. N. Yallop c Foster b Marks	45
M. D. Taylor c Gower b Marks	1
J. Siddons c Cowdrey b Marks	11
S. Jordan c sub (Ellison) b Marks	2
R. J. Bright c sub (Ellison) b Agnew	41
P. King c Gower b Foster	52
M. Dimattina b Foster	0
B. McCarthy c sub (Ellison) b Cowans	6
S. P. Davis not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 2, nb 4)	12
Total (48.2 overs)	264

Fall of wickets: 5, 137, 140, 156, 165, 168, 256, 260, 261, 264.

Bowling: Cowans 10-0-68-1; Foster 9-0-45-3; Agnew 6.2-0-58-1; Cowdrey 1-0-12-0; Edmonds 10-2-29-0; Marks 10-0-42-5; Lamb 2-0-4-0.

John Rodda

Magri looks to the spoils

BOXING

CHARLIE MAGRI's innermost thoughts today must be of expanding his sports goods business rather than what he might do with a world title. The bustling bundle of flyweight from Bethnal Green, who won and lost the championship in 1983, could hardly have expected to be back at the top again.

Money is the key and Magri's share of the spoils tonight from his match with Sol Chitalada of Thailand at the Alexandra Pavilion, London, will do nicely thank you for investment in the less painful side of the sport—selling boxing gloves rather than donning them.

Magri's chances depend on his own fragile chin and the technique of someone out of the Orient with a kick like a mule and maybe a punch to go with it. Chitalada is an exponent of Muai Thai, the form of combat which allows the use of feet and elbows. In Thailand it is a big sport-industry with plenty of money to be earned from tournaments almost any night of the week. Chitalada has codified the art to come to boxing only because he was assured of world championship fighting. Otherwise he would not have been worth it.

His experience of boxing is limited to only eight known contests but he must have many assets which he has brought from kick boxing. His body will have been toughened by the constant thumping of the feet around the solar plexus and the rib cage. But his level of boxing skill cannot be certain.

Magri believes that he can put together plenty of combination punches in the first six rounds to contain the Thai and pull the fight his way, then stay in front. He has to box in a less open style than he tried against Eleoncio Mercedes, from whom he took the title, and against Frank Cedeno, to whom he lost it.

Chitalada is probably more dangerous because of the volume of his punching rather than the knock-out blow, although the memory of Magri's wobbly legs on several occasions must ensure that the British fighter does not take any risks.

It all emphasises how fortunate Magri is to be getting a world championship fight. It comes after his one fight which took him back to the top—victory in the first round over Franco Cherchi of Italy for the European title.

That took him into the world's top 10 but it was a contest he won on a cut eye. Frank Warren, the new London promoter, then found sufficient money not only to bring Chitalada to this country but to make it handsomely worthwhile for Magri.



SOL SEARCHING . . . Charlie Magri, who takes on Sol Chitalda tonight at the Alexandra Pavilion

Charles Burgess on an important addition to the stage-race calendar

Ireland attract a cast of stars

CYCLING

THE BIGGEST professional stage-race ever held in Ireland—or Britain—will take place in the Republic from September 25-29, it was announced last night in Dublin.

Two of the world's best riders, Sean Kelly, Europe's overall No. 1 last season, and Stephen Roche, another team-leader on the continent, will ride in the five-day Nissan International Classic around their country. Kelly, Ireland's sportsman of the year, will head his French-based Skil team, while Roche will head another five-man team from La Redoute. The promoters are hoping to attract one more European team.

RTE, Ireland's national television channel, have agreed to show highlights on each of the five days, and it is to be hoped that Channel 4 will follow up their interest with an offer. When Kelly and Roche rode against each other in Dublin last year, the confrontation attracted over 30,000 into the streets.

The other competitors will include British professionals, national amateur teams from Europe and one from Ireland, making 85 riders in all. Nissan are providing £150,000 sponsorship.

The British professionals likely to be competing include Graham Jones, who has recently returned from the Continent to lead Ever Ready-Marlboro, Malcolm Elliott, the former Commonwealth champion who is currenly No. 1 at Raleigh, and Tony Doyle, the former world track champion, of RMC.

Television interest has been crucial in enabling the promotors, Sports Plus, to attract sponsors for what is an extremely costly exercise.

TENNIS

Whichello's double blow

Richard Whichello, the British junior champion, suffered a double blow in the LTA Satellite Masters tournament at Heston yesterday.

After being beaten 6-4, 6-3 by Bruce Derlin of New Zealand, the 17-year-old Kent player learned that the £500 awarded by Dewhurst, the butchers, to the young home player making most progress in respect of results, attitude and sportsmanship had gone to Leighton Alfred of Wales, who also lost his match, to Jeremy Bates by 7-6, 6-2.

Whichello and Alfred have been close circuit rivals throughout and it was a narrow decision in the end. Whichello, the one-time bad boy had certainly improved temperamentally, and the verdict went to Alfred's way possibly on the strength on that match with Bates.

He gave Bates, the British No 4, a close run. A tie-break settled the first set and there was little between them in the second until Bates broke serve for 3-2.

Whichello, meanwhile, put up a tremendous fight against Derlin, who ranks 129 in the world against Whichello's 745.

So Bates is the only home player through the first round. He was the circuit winner last year, but he has a long way to go this time



BATES: Tough time

Britons rewarded

MOTOR RACING

Two of Britain's most promising drivers yesterday received further recognition of their potential. David Llewellin, aged 24, was presented with the Pirelli Triple C Diamond Award, for his achievements in rallying while Kenny Acheson, from Northern Ireland, has won a contract to drive for a leading Formula Two team in Japan.

Llewellin, a farmer from Haverfordwest, won the Shell Oils National Rally Championship last year and was selected by Audi to join Michele Mouton in the works team of Quattros which will tackle this year's RAC British Open Championship.

Acheson, aged 27, received similar accolades during his domination of junior motor racing but an accident in 1981 provided a serious setback. However, he will drive a March Honda for Nova Engineering of Tokyo, and his contract includes the possibility of racing a Porsche for Nova at Le Mans.

● The Monaco Grand Prix is expected to be run as a World Championship event on May 19 after all. An extraordinary meeting of the International Automobile Federation yesterday voted 54-2 to approve a recommendation from their committee to end a long-standing quarrel with the Automobile Club of Monaco over television rights.

Maurice Hamilton

RACKETS: Harrovians Charles Hue Williams and John Prenn won the Celestion championship for the first time at Queens Club West Kensington last night when they beat the champions for the last five years, Willie Boone and Randall Crawley in straight games 15-8, 15-2, 15-11, 17-14.

Dickinson ends his study —now for the homework

RACING

David Hadert

Michael Dickinson is back at Manton after his final educational stint before he takes up a flat licence as private trainer to Robert Sangster in 1986. His latest spell studying the methods of the world's leading trainers took him to New Zealand and Australia, accompanying top Australian trainer Colin Hayes to the Yearling sales.

Armed with his customary notebooks, Dickinson has spent the past month with Hayes, which included six days at the New Zealand Yearling Sales and a further six at the sales at Adelaide before winding up with a four-day spell at Hayes's Lyndsay Park training establishment near Adelaide.

"It was very nice and most interesting and I'd like some of Colin's sun," is all Dickinson would say of his longest trip. But we can be sure the notebooks were well used, as they have been since Dickinson surrendered his jump trainer's licence last June.

After breaking practically every National Hunt training record in the four years he held his licence, Dickinson would be quite entitled to sit back thinking he knew it all. But that is not the style of the self-effacing, 34-year-old Dickinson, who turned out 374 winners in those four years, along the way saddling a record 120 winners in one season (1982/83) with record prize money of £538,837. Plus, of course, training the first five home in the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup and his feat in landing 12 winners in one day on Boxing Day, 1982.

Even after that historic Gold Cup Dickinson spent the summer in California, notebook at the ready, dogging the footsteps of the legendary American trainer, Charlie Whittingham. This followed previous stints in Ireland picking the brains of Paddy Prendergast and Vincent O'Brien.

Dickinson, a self-confessed workaholic, has been fully occupied since he gave up jump training. He spent just two days at Manton last June before jetting off to the sales in America under the supervision of Pat Hogan, probably the best judge of untried horseflesh in the Sangster camp, and Mark Gyler, the pedigree expert in the team.

The American venture entailed two lengthy trips to Kentucky, and one to Saratoga. "I've been learning off them both," says Dickinson, adding modestly: "Or, rather, they've been trying to teach me."

Similar sales sessions with Hogan and Gyler came at Newmarket and Goff's Sales in Ireland. "Sales have occupied a good part of the time," says Dickinson.

But the most time is being spent preparing a brand new training set-up at Manton, where in the past Alec Taylor and George Todd achieved much success. Todd's ashes, incidentally, are scattered somewhere on Manton's 2,300 acres. "We're building a new yard with 60 boxes and a covered ride," states Dickinson.

Any space-age installations planned for the start of his five-year contract with Sangster? "Pretty conventional stuff, really," replies Dickinson. Conventional or not the whole shebang is expected to set Sangster back a sum well into eight figures.

"It's a big ship to launch," concedes Dickinson, who expects his first cargo of 40 yearlings (75 per cent home bred) in September.

Has he missed the day-to-day involvement with jump racing? "I've had plenty to occupy my mind, but I do miss not having a few of my own horses around me," he admits.

When he eventually gets Manton launched for his new career as a flat trainer he hopes to have a daily reminder of his glory days over the sticks in the shape of two of his old champions as residents of his shiny, swish yard.

"When Wayward Lad and Captain John are retired I'd like to have them here as hacks," says Dickinson. "I've other old favourites such as Badsworth Boy but he's essentially a soft going specialist, whereas the other two, preferring good ground, would be better suited as hacks."

Milder weather forecast

● Racing is still frozen off in Britain. But there could be action in Ireland today at Leopardstown, where the highlight is the £25,000 Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle. The meeting is subject to 7.00 a.m. inspection. Milder weather is forecast for Britain over the next few days but tomorrow's at Wincanton and Folkestone were both called off after inspections yesterday. Today's cards at Catterick and Warwick were abandoned on Tuesday. Friday's fixtures are at Kempton and Southwell. At Kempton, stewards inspect at 3.00 p.m. today and clerk of the course, Michael Webster, said: "Unless we get a significant thaw for 24 hours, prospects are not bright." Frost is also the problem at Southwell but rain is forecast. An inspection will be held at 9.30 tomorrow morning.

Richard Baerlein

Leopardstown is hoping to resume racing this afternoon to end the prolonged hold-up. They could not have raced yesterday but the forecast was sufficiently promising for a 7 am inspection this morning. It was raining heavily in Dublin at teatime yesterday to give every indication that the thaw has set in.

In England the thaw is clearly on its way but it is slow in coming and may be too late to save the weekend racing.

The £25,000 Group I Wessell Cable Champion Hurdle is the feature at Leopardstown and has a number of Champion Hurdle candidates among the eight runners, while the Grand National favourite, Greasepaint will carry 12st in the Harold Clarke Leopardstown Chase.

Apart from Browne Gazette, there has been practically no serious betting on the Champion Hurdle. Paddy Mullins, trainer of last year's winner, Dawn Run, has a useful replacement in Ararun, winner of his six races over hurdles this season.

He will have to win today to justify his recent backing in the Champion from 16-1 to 8-1 and he looks sure to start favourite.

He has a fine jumping pedigree being by the leading sire Deep Run, while his dam is a half-sister to the very useful hurdler, Cool Decision. He beat Sierra Baron, another of today's runners, five lengths at Punchestown and we are going to hear much more of him for he is a super-stayer and has not yet reached his peak.

Bajan Sunshine will be the only English trained candidate, the mount of Peter Scudamore. He was ten and a half lengths behind the runaway Browne's Gazette at Cheltenham in December.

Last season he ran second to Fealty in the 29 runner two and a half mile Sun Alliance Novice Hurdler at Cheltenham and ended the season with a victory in the valuable Tia Maria Hurdle at Haydock.

There has been support for Miller Hill in the Champion but his two runs this season are uninspiring. Last season he ran Fredcoteri to a neck in the Irish Sweeps Hurdle, giving that horse, who was winning the race for the second time, 15lb. Fredcoteri has been showing improved form this season but this will be necessary as he meets Miller Hill at level weights.

Over The Last has won his last three races, while Dermot Weld saddles Tondbad, the only four-year-old in the field. After two victories she became favourite for the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle but has since drifted in the betting. It would take an exceptional four-year-old to win here and I expect to see Ararun enhance his Champion prospects.

Ladbrokes make Seskin Bridge the 13-8 favourite to beat Greasepaint (7-2) over this three miles. I believe Greasepaint, second in the last two Nationals and favourite to make it third time lucky, is forward enough to score here.

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS: Nap: ARARUN (3.15 Leopardstown). Next best: GREASEPAINT (3.45 Leopardstown).

LEOPARDSTOWN

1 45 Benkers Benefit (nb)
3 15 Ararun
2 15 Dancing Guy
3 45 Seskin Bridge
2 45 Boreen Prince
4 15 Baltic Sea
4 45 OLAN LAD (Nap)

● 7.0 am INSPECTION

* DENOTES BLINKERS. JACKPOT: RACES 3, 4, 5 & 6.

1 45—SANDYMOUNT HANDICAP HURDLE: 3m; £1,380 (13 declared).

1 ORS VULROCK F. J. O'Grady 7-11-10 ..... T. J. Ryan
2 113 BANKERS BENEFIT J. Fowler 5-11-9 ..... N. Madden
3 313 GOLDEN WARRIOR J. H. Scott 5-11-4 ..... P. Hill
4 100 DEEP SOUTH F. Flood 6-10-10 ..... F. Berry (7)
5 201 SHANREZA P. Mullins 5-10-10 ..... A. Mullins
6 201 AUGHRIM HILL P. Hughes 6-10-7 ..... R. Rogers
7 020 PATCHING B. V. Kelly 7-10-5 ..... T. Carmody
8 021 LARRY'S PEACH J. Crowley 6-10-3 ..... K. F. O'Brien
9 202 LEADENSORE BOY J. R. Cox 6-10-1 ..... J. P. Byrne
10 MIDNIGHT HUSTLE R. Lister 9-9-13 ..... J. J. O'Neill
11 00 AFFABILITY ★ R. Evans 7-9-12 ..... A. Powell
12 500 CUT EM DOWN ★ Miss G. O'Brien 8-9-12 ..... M. J. Byrne
13 400 SUMMERELLO W. Hennessy 7-9-5 ..... W. P. Mullins

1984: Grangebarry 6-10-13 P. Clarke 10-1 E. P. Harty 25 ran. Betting forecast: 9-4 Golden Warrior, 3 Bankers Benefit, 9-2 Vulrock, 11-2 Aughrim Hill, 13-2 Larry's Peach, 10 Shanreza.

2 15—STILLORGAN 4-Y-O HURDLE: 2m; £2,070 (14 declared).

1 011 REFLEX ACTION J. P. Kavanagh 11-0 ..... Marie Cullen (7)
2 001 DANCING GUY M. F. Morris 10-11 ..... T. Carmody
3 001 KING VOLADOR M. A. O'Toole 10-11 ..... N. Madden
4 000 ACTION GIRL M. Meade 10-7 ..... P. Leech
5 004 ALL GREY E. P. Harty 10-7 ..... A. Powell
6 AWAL LEES HOPE K. Prendergast 10-7
7 00 ATHERSTONE N. Meade 10-7 ..... Mr D. O'Connor (5)
8 000 BLAKES SOVEREIGN A. Geraghty 10-7 P. Hynes (3)
9 000 GRECIAN TOY ★ L. Browne 10-7 Mr. T. Browne (5)
10 000 LADDISKO K. Prendergast 10-7
11 000 LYON AND LAMB J. Murphy 10-7 Mr R. J. Beggan
12 302 MARC MILLAR D. T. Hughes 10-7 ..... T. Morgan
13 222 SILVER TRAY C. Gaselick 10-7 ..... F. Berry
14 043 TASHINA J. G. Murphy 10-7 ..... T. McGivern

1984: Claris Bridge 10-11 Brian Nolan 16-1 J. S. Bolger 22 ran.

Betting forecast: 13-8 Marc Millar, 4 Dancing Guy, 5 Reflex Action, 7 Nino Volador, 8 Silver Tray, 10 All Grey.

2 45—WESSEL CABLE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP CHASE: Listed race: Grade 2; 2½m; £7,371 (8 declared).

1 212 BOREEN PRINCE A. J. McNamara 9-11-9 G. Sheridan
2 341 BUCK HOUSE M. F. Morris 7-11-9 ..... T. Carmody
3 133 LUCHSIS F. Flood 6-11-7 ..... F. Berry
4 430 DARK IVY J. R. Cox 9-11-5 ..... Mr C. P. Magnier
5 120 GAY'S DELIGHT M. Cunningham 7-11-3 K. Morgan
6 241 RUN FOR GOLD M. J. P. O'Brien 6-11-1 J. P. Byrne
7 444 BIT OF THE ACTION D. J. O'Grady 8-10-11 ..... T. J. Ryan
8 00 FINANCIAL CRISIS M. Cunningham 6-10-11 ..... A. Powell

1984: Bobsline 8-11-9 F. Berry 5-4 on fav. F. Flood 10 ran.

Betting forecast: 11-10 Buck House, 5-2 Boreen Prince, 7 Lucisis, 8 Dark Ivy, 12 Gay's Delight, 14 Bit of the Action.

3 15—WESSEL CABLE CHAMPION HURDLE: Listed Race; Grade 1; 2m; £20,979 (8 declared).

1 203 ANOTHER SHOT P. D. McCreery 7-11-4 ..... Mr T. W. Walsh
2 111 ARARUN P. Mullins 6-11-4 ..... A. Mullins
3 129 BAJAN SUNSHINE M. Tate 6-11-4 ..... P. Scudamore
4 324 FREDCOTERI A. L. T. Moore 9-11-4 T. J. Taaffe
5 2-P0 MILLER HILL D. T. Hughes 8-11-4 ..... T. Morgan
6 311 OVER THE LAST T. Carberry 5-11-4 ..... T. McGivern
7 221 SIERRA BARON John Murphy 5-11-1 Mr R. J. Beggan
8 F11 TONDBAD D. Weld 4-10-6 ..... T. Carmody

1984: Dawn Run 6-11-9 J. J. O'Neill 5-4 on fav (P. Mullins) 8 ran.

Betting forecast: 10-11 Ararun, 4 Bajan Sunshine, 6 Fredcoteri, Miller Hill, 10 Tondbad, 12 Over The Last, 20 Sierra Baron, 25 Another Shot.

3 45—HAROLD CLARKE LEOPARDSTOWN CHASE: Listed race: Grade 1; 3m; £8,355 (11 declared).

1 035 GREASEPAINT D. K. Weld 10-12-0 ..... T. Carmody
2 221 SESKIN BRIDGE P. D. McCreery 7-11-6 M. J. Lynch
3 000 BALTIMORE M. Meade 7-11-2 ..... P. Leech
4 002 KOLINE A. Geraghty 8-10-9 ..... A. Powell
5 410 PRETIC John Crowley 9-10-8 ..... K. F. O'Brien
6 344 ROYAL APPOINTMENT T. Carberry 10-10-8 ..... P. Gill
7 0-0 BLACK ORCHID J. J. O'Connell 9-10-7 J. P. Byrne
8 007 CLONTYNTURTIN A. L. T. Moore 11-10-6 .....
9 240 FORTUNE SEEKER J. R. Cox 10-10-4 ..... P. Clarke
10 000 LUCK DAUGHTER Mrs Cecily Purcell 9-9-5 ..... R. O'Donovan
11 304 FUTURE PROSPERITY A. L. T. Moore 8-9-12 ..... T. J. Taaffe

1984: Sicilian Answer 7-12-0 J. P. Byrne 10-1 (J. R. Cox) Betting forecast: 13-8 Seskin Bridge, 7-2 Greasepaint, 6 Clontyntur, 7 Baltimore, 10 Future Prosperity.

4 15—FOXROCK 4-Y-O INH FLAT RACE: 2m; Amateur Riders; £986 (18 declared).

1 00 ATTINTAG M. Kiernan 11-3 ..... M. Kiernan (7)
2 20 BALTIC SEA Miss C. O'Brien 11-3 C. P. Magnier
3 54 CRADY L. Kennedy 11-3 ..... L. Kennedy (7)
4 DONJAK Miss R. R. Dooley 11-3 ..... T. Mullins (3)
5 09 GARSAMEL Roby Welsh 11-3 ..... T. M. Walsh
6 00 NIGHT SAFE M. F. Morris 11-3 ..... T. M. Walsh
7 10 PARSONS CASTLE R. Nevin 11-3 ..... J. Queally
8 HONOR ARENAS J. R. Scott 11-3 ..... R. Jeraimes
9 TORDUFF GLEN J. C. Stearman 11-3 J. Lombard (3)
10 WESTERN VISION M. J. Farrell 11-3 C. Walsh (7)
11 0 BALLYCHORUS DREAM W. Durkan 11-0 ..... J. P. Dreaper (3)
12 GALA LADY M. McKenna 11-0 ..... J. Skelton
13 MOORTOWN EXPRESS V. Bowens 10-0 ..... A. J. Martin (5)
14 00 MORNING GROVE N. Meade 11-0 ..... D. H. O'Connor (5)
15 MURPHYS DILEMMA J. C. Murphy 11-0 ..... M. Phillips (7)
16 NIGHT INVADER K. Riordan 11-0 ..... K. Riordan (7)
17 RARE LADY C. Ross 11-0 ..... A. Robson (7)
18 RIVERHEAD F. Lacy 11-0 ..... E. Bolger

1984: Pivka 10-10 Mr J. Crowley 5-1 (Joseph Crowley) Betting forecast: 5-2 Garsamel, 7-2 Baltic Sea, 5 Caddy, 8 Night Safe, 10 Senor Arenas, 12 Tordiff Glen.

4 45—CORINTHIAN INH FLAT RACE: 2m; Amateur Riders; £1,055 (20 declared).

1 001 CLONEY GRANGE E. O'Dwyer 6-12-7 A. P. Keane (7)
2 22 DEER CREST J. O'Flynn 5-12-4 ..... M. Cowley (7)
3 421 OLAN LAD J. H. Scott 5-12-4 ..... T. M. Walsh
4 000 BALLYTROSSY P. W. Barry 7-11-11 J. A. Berry (7)
5 300 BORDLE GUY E. J. O'Grady 7-11-11 .....
6 000 OCREEKOREE P. M. Berry 6-11-11 F. Codd
7 0 PLUCKY DEVIL P. Mullins 6-11-11 E. Bolger
8 200 RONALLON P. Mullins 6-11-11 ..... T. Mullins (3)
9 03 SANACERS ANVIL P. M. Beasley 6-11-11
10 0 AKAI HI-FI M. J. Grassick 5-11-8 ..... M. Horgan (7)
11 494 BELLE SEEKER L. Hambidge 7-11-8 L. Hambidge (7)
12 000 BUSHBURY FOX W. Harney 5-11-8 ..... C. P. Magnier
13 0 CARROCKAVILEY J. R. Cox 5-11-8 ..... P. J. Flynn
14 00 BEST CAR YET M. K. Gray 5-11-8 ..... J. Shortt
15 HOW'S NANNY Miss J. V. Morgan 5-11-8 ..... C. J. Jones (7)
16 WYNES PARK D. Harney 5-11-8 ..... L. Wyer (7)
17 000 LOSKACOILLA P. Healey 5-11-8 ..... M. Healey (7)
18 000 PAULINE'S COURSE M. Murray 5-11-8 G. Bissie (7)
19 40 PRIDE'S HIP R. J. Whitford 5-11-8 ..... R. J. Whitford (7)
20 PRYZED LEGEND J. S. Bolger 5-11-8 ..... M. J. Holbrook (7)
21 RED BALL M. F. Morris 5-11-8 ..... J. Queally
22 000 ROBIN ALPHA A. Kennedy 5-11-8 ..... L. Kennedy (7)
23 SIX HORSES SAINT W. A. Deacon 5-11-8 P. Shanahan (7)
24 00 SHANROE SOURCE M. Maxwell 5-11-8 ..... R. Kirk (5)
25 0 TIBBADEEN STAR W. Durkan 5-11-8 ..... W. P. Williams
26 POO YUGOVA J. C. Murphy 5-11-8 ..... C. P. Magnier
27 HALF CIRCLE Miss J. V. Morgan 5-11-5 ..... D. Berrie (7)
28 O-TIARKA R. T. H. Morrow 5-11-5 S. W. Hanmley (5)

1984: Clara Mountain 5-11-13 Mr J. Lombard 7-1 V. Bowens Crest, 8 Cheney Grange. Pryzed Legend, 12 Red Ball, 14 Ronallon.

● The Tote have issued prices for runners to either win or be second to Burrough Hill Lad in the Cheltenham Gold Cup. They go 5-2 Combs Ditch; 6 A Kinsman, Forgive N' Forget and Wayward Lad, 15-2 Earls Brig, 8-1 Right-hand Man, 4 Drumadowyn, Ballinacurra Lad and Half Free.

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TELEVISION

PROGRAMME GUIDE BY SANDY SMITHIES

BBC-1

6 0 am Ceefax AM. 6 50 Breakfast Time. 9 20 Pages from Ceefax. 10 30 *Play School.* 10 50 Gharbar. 11 15 Pages from Ceefax. 12 30 pm News After Noon. 12 57 Regional News. 1 0 Pebble Mill at One. 1 45 King Rollo. 1 50 Bric-a-Brac. 2 0 Pages from Ceefax. 3 48 Regional News (except London and Scotland). 3 50 Play School. 4 10 The Wombles. 4 15 The Puppy's New Adventures. 4 35 Jackanory: The Ring in the Rough Stuff by Antonia Barker. 4 50 Captain Caveman. 5 0 John Craven's Newsround. 5 5 Seaview. Drama serial (1). 5 35 Grange Hill. Ceefax sub-titles.

6 0 **NEWS**; weather news.

6 35 **REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES.**

7 0 **WOGAN.** Second chat session of the week with the Man of Blarney and his guests.

7 40 **STEPTOE AND SON:** Come Dancing. Wilfred Brambell, Harry H. Corbett as the reprobate rag and bone men, of course, brought out of retirement for reasons that will immediately be clear if you've realised how the new ratings war is being reflected in the schedules: maximum proven popularity for minimum outlay, all the better for mopping up potential deserters at Wogan's close.

8 10 **THE TWO RONNIES.** Two-handed humour from them, with Ann Hamilton appearing as Vera the Vamp in this week's movie spoof Caribbean Nights, and guest Elaine Paige singing Unchained Melody.



The Two Ronnies

9 0 **NEWS**; weather news.

9 25 **THE EIGER SANCTION.** Second offering in the new Clint Eastwood season is the rambling 1971 spy thriller, a long way after Bond, in which the star directed himself. He plays an international hitman tempted to carry out one last pre-retirement mission — even though it's to take place during a climb on the notorious north face of the Swiss peak. The terrific climbing climax almost makes up for what goes before.

11 30 **NIGHT COURT:** Once In Love With Harry. Another silly session in the sitcom court, with Harry Anderson as the youthful judge, now the object of a very embarrassing affection. 11 55 Weather; close.

Wales: 5 35-6 0 pm Wales Today. 6 35-7 0 Sportfolio. Scotland: 7 40-8 10 pm Superscot. Northern Ireland: 5 35 pm Today's Sport. 5 40-6 0 Inside Ulster. 6 35-7 0 Grange Hill.

BBC-2

6 30-7 20 am Open University. 9 0 Pages from Ceefax. 9 38 *Daytime on Two: Science* Workshop; 10 0 You and Me; 10 15 Maths File; 10 38 Maths Topics; 11 0 Words and Pictures; 11 17 The Music Arcade; 11 39 General Studies; 12 5 pm Russian Language and People; 12 30 Mathematical Thinking; 12 55 Switch on to English; 1 21 Encounter: Spain; 1 38 Let's See; 2 0 Watch; 2 18 One World; 2 40 Zig Zag (Ceefax sub-titles). 3 0 Pages from Ceefax. 3 30 Mrs Thatcher at Congress. Live coverage of Mrs T's address — she's the first PM to be honoured with an invitation since Churchill in 1952. Brian Barron commentates from Washington. 4 45 Pages from Ceefax.

5 30 **NEWS** with sub-titles; weather.

5 35 **ARTHUR NEGUS ENJOYS:** Tea at Wilton. The doyen of connoisseurs is joined in this repeated programme from the stately homes series by TV cook Michael Smith as the pair discuss the development of the tea-taking habit.

6 0 **THE TALL STRANGER.** That's former soldier Joel McCrea, helping the wagon train settlers along a *difficult trail and courting Virginia* Mayo, in satisfying formula Western, made in 1957.

7 20 **100 GREAT SPORTING MOMENTS:** Johnny Prescott v Billy Walker. Heavyweight fisticuffs from 1963, the first of two bouts that year between the pair.

7 35 **OPEN SPACE:** New Year, New Hopes. On the day of their New Year, members of our 17,000-strong Vietnamese community take the access slot to talk about the new lives they have had to adjust to since their arrival as Boat People, and about the complex cultural, social and economic problems they still face.

8 5 **BOOKMARK.** The 84-year-old novelist Rosamond Lehmann, in her first-ever TV interview, talks to Ian Hamilton about her literary "resurrection," while Phoebe Nichols reads excerpts from the books written in the 20s and 30s, and now enjoying renewed acclaim. Plus Victoria Glendinning, on the oddball who translated The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, and Susan Cheever on her biography of her Pulitzer *Prize-winning father John.*

9 0 **BLOTT ON THE LANDSCAPE:** 3. More dirty tricks with the planners of and protesters against the motorway, as the dramatisation of Tom Sharpe's wicked comedy continues, and poor Dundridge (Simon Cadell) is caught with his pants down. Ceefax sub-titles.

9 55 **CABARET.** Late-night entertainment, last of the series, with Bertice Reading, Robyn Archer, Patrick Barlow and friends.

10 40 **NEWSNIGHT.** 11 25 Weather View. 11 30 Open University. 12 25 Close.

ITV London

6 15 am Good Morning Britain. 925 News Headlines; *Schools:* 9 30 *Start the Day;* 9 47 Starting Science; 10 4 The Micro at Work; 10 21 The English Programme; 10 48 School's Out; 11 10 Stop, Look, Listen; 11 22 Picture Box; 11 39 How We Used to Live. 12 0 Button Moon. 12 10 pm Our Backyard. 12 30 Mr and Mrs. 1 0 News. 1 20 Thames News. 1 30 A Country Practice. 2 25 Home Cookery Club. 2 30 On the Market. 3 0 Gems. 3 25 News Headlines. 3 30 Sons and Daughters. 4 0 Button Moon. 4 15 The Moomins. 4 20 Do It. Oracle sub-titles. 4 45 The Book Tower. Oracle sub-titles. 5 15 Blockbusters.

5 45 **NEWS**; weather.

6 0 **THAMES NEWS** with Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins.

6 25 **HELP!** with Viv Taylor Gee.

6 35 **CROSSROADS.**

7 0 **WISH YOU WERE HERE...?** Judith Chalmers heads for the sun in Israel's Red Sea resort of Eilat, while Chris Kelly investigates the package version of island-hopping holidays off Greece. And young Vicky's enterprise results in an invitation for her whole family to test-market at a week at a Scarborough holiday centre. Oracle sub-titles.

7 30 **CORONATION STREET.** Oracle sub-titles.

8 0 **THIS IS YOUR LIFE.**

8 30 **THERE COMES A TIME...** Starting an intriguing new seven-part sitcom by the ever-original Wally K. Daly, with Andrew Sachs in the lead as the electronics company executive whose life is changed irrevocably by a medical check-up. Judy Cornwell plays his wife; Alan David is the company doctor who spots his patient's one-in-a-billion complaint, and informs him that he is in for an unprecedented experience. Oracle sub-titles.

9 0 **THE LAST PLACE ON EARTH:** Minor Diversion. Second instalments of Central's epic new Antarctic drama — now in its regular Wednesday slot — following the separate preparations of the two expeditions. With Martin Shaw as Captain Scott, leaving Britain in a flurry of publicity and acclaim; Sverre Anker Ousdal as the dark horse Norwegian Amundsen. Oracle sub-titles.

10 0 **NEWS AT TEN**; weather.

10 30 **MIDWEEK SPORTS SPECIAL.** Brian Moore and Steve Rider introduce soccer coverage of one of tonight's Cup matches, the final of the Blackthorn Masters Darts International at Oldham and, topping the bill, live coverage of Charlie Magri's WBC Flyweight title fight against Sot Chitalada of Thailand.

12 15 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with Rabbi Julia Neuberger. Closedown.

Channel 4

2 30 pm Film: Overlord (1975). With Brian Stirner. 4 0 A Plus 4. 4 30 Countdown. 5 0 Alice. 5 30 The Mary Tyler Moore Show.

6 0 **DANGER MAN:** The Brothers. Another vintage episode, with Patrick McGoohan as the agent despatched to the mountains of Sicily in search of the brigands who have got hold of some vital diplomatic papers.

6 30 **THE LIVING BODY:** Accident. Latest programme in the series comes from the French ski resort of Courcheval where a skier suffers a nasty fall, and we see how the body immediately starts to produce all that is needed to cope with the injury: painkiller, antiseptic, anaesthetic, even splint.

7 0 **CHANNEL FOUR NEWS.** 7 50 Comment. By a Plaid Cymru politician; weather.

8 0 **THE DRAGON HAS TWO TONGUES:** The Gentry Century. That was the period from 1670 — but were the gentry a good or a bad thing for Wales? As ever, the two co-presenters have their conflicting ideas, with Professor Williams fulminating against the "fat cats" who ground the people down to the poverty line; Wynford Vaughan Thomas arguing that it wasn't a planted aristocracy as in Ireland and maintaining that the system somehow worked.

8 30 **DIVERSE REPORTS:** The Price of Coal. Can we afford a nationalised coal industry? Speaking from the Right, Peter Clarke puts the case for privatisation — creating he claims a smaller, profitable coal industry which would benefit everyone.

9 0 **JULIUS CAESAR,** by George Frederic Handel. Dame Janet Baker sings the title role in this studio recording of the English National Opera's acclaimed production of the great Baroque work, with Valerie *Masterson as Cleopatra,* James Bowman as Ptolemy. 12 25 Close.

S4C: 1 0 pm Countdown. 1 30 S.W.A.L.K. 2 0 Beth, Sut, Pam, Pryd a Ble? 2 20 Ffalabalam. 2 35 Hyn o Fyd. 2 55 Egwyl. 3 20 The Year of the French. 4 15 Me and My Micro. 4 45 Ffalabalam. 4 55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5 35 Danger Man. 6 0 Brookside. 6 30 Pwl. 7 0 Newyddion Saith. 7 30 Dilyn yr Og. 8 0 Yr Achos Hwn. 8 35 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 9 5 Film: An Enemy of the People. 1977 version of Ibsen drama with Steve McQueen. 11 0 Diverse Reports. 11 30 Eastern Eye. 12 30 Diwedd.

Anglia

6 15 As London.
1 20 Anglia News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 As London.
6 0 About Anglia.
6 25 As London.
12 15 Candles in the Dark; close.

Central

6 15 As London.
12 30 Silver Spoons.
1 0 News.
1 20 Central News.
1 30 Hardcastle and McCormick.
2 30 As London.
5 15 Newshound.
5 45 News.
6 0 Crossroads.
6 25 Central News.
7 0 As London.
12 15 Close.

Channel

6 15 As London.
12 30 Ace Crawford — Private Eye.
1 0 News.
1 20 Channel News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 As London.
5 15 The Phyllis Diller Show.
5 45 News.
6 0 Channel Report.
6 30 Crossroads.
6 55 Home Cookery Club.
7 0 As London.
12 15 News in French; close.

Granada

6 15 As London.
12 30 The Sullivans.
1 0 News.
1 20 Granada Reports.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 As London.
3 30 The Young Doctors.
4 0 As London.
5 15 Survival.
5 45 News.
6 0 This is your Right.
6 5 Crossroads.
6 30 Granada Reports.
7 0 As London.
12 15 Freeze Frame.
12 45 Close.

HTV

6 15 As London.
12 30 Benson.
1 0 News.
1 20 HTV News.
1 30 Simon and Simon.
2 30 As London.
5 15 Three Little Words.
5 45 News.
6 0 HTV News.
6 35 As London.
12 15 Weather; close.

Wales: As West except: 6 0-6 35 pm Wales at Six.

South

6 15 As London.
12 30 The Sullivans.
1 0 News.
1 20 TVS News.
1 30 Afternoon Club; Mr & Mrs.
2 0 Problem Page.
2 30 On The Market.
3 0 Gems.
3 30 The Young Doctors.
4 0 As London.
6 0 Coast to Coast.
6 35 As London.
12 15 Company; close.

South-West

6 15 As London.
12 30 Ace Crawford — Private Eye.
1 0 News.
1 20 TSW News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 As London.
5 15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays.
5 20 Crossroads.
5 45 News.
6 0 Today South-west.
6 30 Scene South-west.
7 0 As London.
12 15 Postscript; weather; close.

Tyne-Tees

6 15 As London.
12 30 Bygones.
1 0 News.
1 20 North-east News.
1 25 Where the Jobs Are.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 As London
5 15 Madabout.
5 45 News.
6 2 Crossroads.
6 30 Northern Life.
7 0 As London.
12 15 Mission England; close.

Yorkshire

6 15 As London.
12 30 Calendar Health Club.
1 0 News.
1 20 Calendar News.
1 30 Falcon Crest.
2 30 As London.
5 15 Survival.
5 45 News.
6 0 Calendar.
6 35 As London.
12 15 Close.

RADIO

Radio 1

6 0 am Adrian John. 7 0 Mike Read. 9 0 The Simon Bates Mystery Train Tour. 12 0 Gary Davies. 2 30 pm Steve Wright. 5 0 Bruno Brookes. 7 30 Janice Long. 10 0-12.0 midnight John Peel.

Radio 2

4 0 am Colin Berry. 6 0 Ray Moore. 8 5 Ken Bruce. 10 30 Jimmy Young. 1 5 pm David Jacobs. 2 0 Gloria Hunniford. 3 30 Music all the Way. 4 0 David Hamilton. 6 0 John Dunn. 8 0 String Sound. 9 15 Listen to the Band William Davis Construction Group Band. 10 0 Cantabile. 10 15 The Life of Jim. 10 30 Big Fight Special: Charlie Magri v. Sot Chitalada. 11 30 Brian Matthew. 1 0 am Charles Nove. 3 0 Cynthia Glover Sings. 3 30-4 0 Vintage Sporting Years.

Radio 3

6 35 Open University (VHF).
6 55 Weather; News; Midweek Choice.
9 0 News; This Week's Composer: Nielsen. Violin Sonata No 2 (Kim Sjogren/Anne Oland); Serenata in vano (Athena Ensemble); Suite for Piano (Arne Skjold Rasmussen).
10 40 Crusell (Divertimento), Wolf (Italian Serenade) and Bliss (Quintet). Allegri Quartet, Sarah Francis (oboe).
11 20 BBC Welsh SO/Jacek Kasprzyk, Jennifer Smith (soprano). Berg: Seven Early Songs; Szymanowski: Symphony No 2.
12 15 Concert Hall: Richard Lester (cello), Susan Tomes (piano). Beethoven: Variations on Bei Mannern; Brahms: Sonata Op 99.
1 0 News; John Dankworth. Part 2 of The Zodiac Variations.
1 30 Matinee Musicale: BBC Concert Orch/Ashley Lawrence, John Harle (saxophone), John Lenehan (piano). Bizet: Overture Dr Miracle; Quilter: Three English Dances; Ravel: Piece en forme de Habanera; Kreisler: Liebesfreud; David Lyon: Dance Prelude; Cimarosa, arr Malipiero: La Cimarosiana; Ibert: Concertino da camera; Tchaikovsky: Marche militaire.
2 30 Flieder Trio: Boccherini: Trio Op 14 No 2: Schubert: Trio Movement in B flat: Reger: Trio Op 77b.
3 15 Koechlin: Seven Stars Symphony. Monte Carlo PO/Alexandre Myrat.
4 0 Choral Evensong for Ash Wednesday from the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge.
4 55 News: Mainly for Pleasure.
6 30 Debut: Joan Rodgers (soprano), Roger Vignoles (piano). Liszt: Die Lorelei; Kling leise, mein Lied; Debussy: Green; Fantoches; En sourdine; Rachmaninov: O never sing to me again; Tchaikovsky: Serenade Op 63 No 6.
7 0 Carlos Barbosa-Lima (guitar), Fairfield Quartet, Geoffrey Downs (double-bass). Vivaldi, transcr Barbosa-Lima: Concerto Op 3 No 12; Santorsola: first UK performance of Concerto a cinque.
7 30 The Death of Humpty Dumpty. Play from Northern Ireland by Graham Reid.
9 0 Royal Philharmonic Society Concert: Halle Orchestra/Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, Michael Collins (clarinet). Britten: Sinfonia da Requiem; Weber: Clarinet Concerto No 2.
9 45 Six Continents.
10 5 Concert, part 2. Beethoven: Symphony No 5.
11 0 Silvia Marcovici and Ian Brown (violin and piano). Beethoven: Sonata in F (Spring); Franck: Sonata in A.
11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping Forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Today.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today including 7 0, 8 0 News; 8 35 Yesterday in Parliament.
9 0 News; Midweek.
10 0 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits Buckinghamshire.
10 30 Morning Story: Not Dying, by William Saroyan.
10 45 Daily Service from Edinburgh.
11 0 News; Symphonies and Silence. Peter Maxwell Davies at Large ... from rehearsals in Manchester for his new symphony to his Orkney croft.
11 48 Music Workshop. Musicians' Jargon, 5: Mannheim Mannerisms.
12 0 News; You and Yours.
12 27 The Great Impersonation by E. Phillips Oppenheim. Drama serial (3).
1 0 The World at One: News.
1 40 The Archers.
2 0 News; Woman's Hour with Guest Maggie van Reenen, director of the Book Marketing Council.
3 0 News; Afternoon Play: The Wish House by Rudyard Kipling.
3 47 Time for Verse: Poetry reading.
4 0 News; File on 4: chemical and industrial hazards in Britian.
4 40 Story Time: Old Glory by Jonathan Raban (3).
5 0 PM. News Magazine.
6 0 The Six O'Clock News.
6 30 Just a Minute. Slick-talking quiz.
7 0 News; The Archers.
7 20 Checkpoint. Investigation into alleged fraud and injustice.
7 45 Miracles Take a Little Longer. First of two documentaries on the Rhodesian *ceasefire* and the creation of Zimbabwe.
8 45 Analysis: Nigel Burns His Bridges. Mary Goldring questions the Chancellor of the Exchequer's monetary theology.
9 30 More Wrestling than Dancing. Lighthearted talk by David Moreau.
9 45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.
10 15 A Book at Bedtime: The Doves of Venus by Olivia Manning (8).
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 15 The Financial World tonight.
11 30 Today in Parliament.
12 0 News; weather; shipping.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 6 40 Farming Today. 6 25 Daloni Roberts. 7 33 A.M. 10 3 Mike Flynn. 11 30 That's How It Was. 12 30 pm Meet for Lunch. 1 40 Catchphrase 1. 1 45 The Russell Grant Show. 3 30 Radio Brynsiencyn. 4 0 Four-Five-Six. 6 0 As Radio 4. 7 0 Catchphrase 2. 7 5 As Radio 4. 8 45 Male Voice Choir Competition. 9 30 As Radio 4. 9 45 Interlude. 9 55-4 0 am As Radio 2.

Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather; Gweler Radio 4. 6 25 Helo Bobol. 9 5 Ar Gof a Chadw. 10 2 Galw Alun. 11 0 Newyddion Da. 11 10 Ysgolion. 11 30 Stondin. Ddyddiol. 12 15 pm Talwrn y Beirdd. 1 0 Ar Yr Awr. 1 20 Cwlwm Pump. 1 50 O Glawr i Glawr. 2 0 Ysgolion. 3 30 Interlude. 3 47 Gweler Radio 4. 5 0 Post Prynhawn. 6 0 Gweler Wales. 9 45 Hen Lanc o Argyhoeddiad. 10 15 Newyddion. Ar Hyd y Nos. 11 30 Open University. 12 10 am Gweler Radio 4. 12 30 - 1 10 *Schools Night-Time Broadcasting.*

Scotland (370m): 6 0 am As Radio 4. 6 30 Farming News. 6 30 Good Morning Scotland. 8 45 Jimmy Mack. 11 3 MacGregor's Gathering. 12 0 News: Make Minor Music. 12 30 pm Lunchtime Report. News. 1 0 As Radio 4. 1 40 Options. 2 3 Taking Issue with Colin Bell. 2 30 Question Time from Westminster. 3 30 The Art Sutter Show. 4 0 Good Evening Scotland. 6 0 News; Piping. 6 35 Just for Fun. 7 2 Farming News. 7 20 The London-Scottish Connection. 8 0 Wardell on Wednesday. 9 30 Mostly Music. 10 0 News: Tom Ferrie. 12 0 Close As Radio 4.

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BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave 648kHz (463m) at the following times GMT: 5 0 am Newsdesk. 7 0 News. 7 9 Twenty-Four Hours. 7 30 Report on Religion. 7 45 That's Trad. 8 0 News. 8 9 Reflections. 8 15 Classical Record Review. 8 30 Mainstream. 9 0 News. 9 9 British Press Review. 9 15 The World Today. 9 30 Financial News. 9 40 Look Ahead. 9 45 Sackbuts and Sinfonias. 10 0 News: Time Remembered. 10 30 Jazz Score. 11 0 News. 11 9 News About Britain. 11 15 Putting Politics in its Place. 12 0 noon Radio Newsreel. 12 15 pm Nature Notebook. 12 25 The Farming World. 12 45 Sports Roundup. 1 0 News. 1 9 Twenty-Four Hours. 1 30 From the Promenade Concerts. 2 0 Outlook. 2 45 Report on Religion. 3 0 Radio Newsreel. 3 15 The Classical Guitar. 3 30 Clayton's Zodiac. 4 0 News. 4 9 Commentary. 4 15 Rock Salad. 4 45 The World Today. 5 0 News. 5 9 Monitor. 5 25 New Ideas. 5 35 Waveguide. 8 0 News. 9 15 Album Time. 9 45 Recording of the Week. 10 0 News. 10 9 The World Today. 10 25 Book Choice. 10 30 Financial News. 10 40 Reflections. 10 45 Sports Roundup. 11 0 News. 11 9 Commentary. 11 15 Putting Politics in its Place. 11 30 Top Twenty. 12 0 midnight News. 12 9 am News About Britain. 12 15 Radio Newsreel. 12 30 Clayton's Zodiac. 1 0 News; Outlook. 1 30 Waveguide. 1 40 Book Choice. 1 45 Monitor. 2 0 News. 2 9 British Press Review. 2 15 Network UK. 2 30 Assignment. 3 0 News. 3 9 News About Britain. 3 15 The World Today. 3 30 Foreign Correspondents. 4 0 Newsdesk. 4 30 Classical Record Review. 5 45 The World Today.

ENTERTAINMENTS GUIDE

THEATRES

London

ADELPHI. 836 7611 CC 741 9999 / 836 7358. Group Sales 930 6123. THE LAMBETH WALK — LEANING ON A LAMP POST — SUN HAS GOT HIS HAT ON MUSICAL COMEDY. "SENSATIONAL. WILL BECOME THE SHOW OF THE YEAR." D. Exp. "THE SHOW STOPPING." Times. ME AND MY GIRL. ROBERT LINDSAY, FRANK THORNTON, EMMA THOMPSON AND DAZZLING COMPANY OF 60. DIRECTED BY MIKE OCKRENT. "HILARIOUSLY STAGED," F.T. "TRIUMPHANT," D. Mail. Many performances in February and March are SOLD OUT. 35,000 have got tickets. To help the others the Box Office has to be open seven days a week. Oi! Nightly at 7.30. Mats. Wed. 2.30 and Sat. 4.45 & 8.15.

ALBERY. 836 3878. CC. 379 6565/379 6433. Grp. Sales. 930 6123/836 3962. Reduced price prevs Ton't at 8 pm. Opens Tomor. at 7 pm. Sub. Eves 8.00, Sat. 5.00 & 8.15. PATRICK MOWER, ADRIENNE POSTA, ROYCE MILLS, ISABELLE AMYES in THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH. The Famous Comedy by GEORGE AXELROD. Directed by JAMES ROOSE-EVANS. Pre-show Dinner. Tournent d'Amour. Stalls or Circles seats £15.40.

ALDWYCH THEATRE. 836 6404/0641. CC 379 6233. Group Sales 930 6123. Mon.-Thur. 8, Fri. & Sat. 5 & 8.30. ROWAN ATKINSON IS THE NERD by LARRY SHUE. Directed by MIKE OCKRENT. "An ambulatory Amityville Horror ... a wonderful display of grotesque comedy." Guardian. "Rib-Shatteringly Funny" T.O. "Blissfully Ludicrous" F.T. TICKETS NOW AVAIL ON THE DAY FOR ALL MON.-THURS. PERFS. LAST 4 WKS OF LIMITED SEASON.

ALDWYCH THEATRE. 01-836 6404/0641. CC 379 6233. Reduced Price Previews from March 33. OPENING APRIL 1. PAUL EDDINGTON & FELICITY KENDAL. SIMON CADELL in TOM STOPPARD'S JUMPERS with ANDREW SACHS. Directed by PETER WOOD.

AMBASSADORS. 836 6111 cc 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123. Until Sat. Evgs 8.0. FOR ONE WEEK ONLY LITTLE THEATRE OF COMEDY SHEILA STEAFEL in STEAFEL EXPRESS.

AMBASSADORS 836 6111, CC 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123. Prev. Mon. 8.0. Opens Tues. 7.0. Subs. Evgs 8.0. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. LITTLE THEATRE OF COMEDY KELLY MONTEITH IN ONE.

APOLLO VICTORIA. 828 8665. CC 630 6262. Group Sales 930 6123. STARLIGHT EXPRESS. Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER. Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE. Directed by TREVOR NUNN. "A MUSICAL THAT SURPASSES ANYTHING AROUND IN EVERY DIMENSION." D. Exp. Evgs. 7.45. Mats. Tue. & Sat. 3.0. BOX OFFICE OPEN 10 am-8 pm. A limited number of seats avail. for Tues. Mat. limited to 2 per person. Some £2 standing room tickets are avail. ½ hour before every performance for the unwaged and students.

BARBICAN. 01-628 8795/638 8891 cc (Mon.-Sun.. 10 am-8 pm). for inc. hotel package 01-330 7111. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY. BARBICAN THEATRE. THE COMEDY OF ERRORS ton't. 7.30, tomor. 2.0 & 7.30. "An uproarious evening." S. Tel. (runs 2 hrs 20). MOTHER COURAGE. Feb 22-29. Day seats £5 from 10 am. THE PIT. WASTE by Harley Granville-Barker. Ton't. 7.30. (Runs 2 hrs. 40).

ARTS THEATRE. 836 2132/3324. GLC BLACK THEATRE SEASON. Evgs. 8 pm. Asian Co-operative Theatre presents VIGILANTES.

ASTORIA THEATRE. Box Office / CC 734 4287/8/9. Group Sales 930 6123. GO! GO! GO! GO! GO! (Lit Rev) THE HIRED MAN. AN EPIC LOVE STORY BY MELVYN BRAGG & HOWARD GOODALL BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER. "THE BEST MUSICAL OF THE YEAR" Int. Herald Tribune. LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARDS 84. PAUL CLARKSON — BEST ACTOR. Evgs 8.0, Mats. Wed. 3.0, Sat. 4.0. NOW BOOKING TO MAY.

BUSH THEATRE 743 3388. RUMBLINGS By Peter Gibbs. Tues. to Sun. 8 p.m.

COMEDY 01-930 2578. CC 839 1438. Evgs 8.0, Fri. and Sat. 6.0 & 8.45. THE MONSTER MUSICAL HIT LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS. 2nd FINGER LICKIN' YEAR!! "I LOVED IT—HOPE IT RUNS FOR A 1,000 YEARS"— T. Out. SEATS AT SOME PERFS FROM £6. Group Sales Box Office 930 6123.

COTTESLOE. 928 2252 CC 928 5933 'S' (National Theatre's small auditorium — low price tkts.) Ton't 7.30, then Feb. 26 & 28 THE PASSION. Tomor. 7.30, then Feb. 23 & 25 DOOMSDAY.

CRITERION. S 930 3216 CC 379 6565, 741 9999. 379 6433. Groups 836 3962. Evgs 8.0. Mats Thurs. 2.30. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST. The Theatre of Comedy Company. ROBIN ASKWITH, JACK SMETHURST, PETER SALLIS in RUN FOR YOUR WIFE. Written and directed by RAY COONEY. Over 700 side-splitting perfs. "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE." S. Exp. Special Theatre Dinner Criterion Brasserie/Stalls or Circle Tkt £14.60.

DONMAR WAREHOUSE, Earlham St., Cov. Gdn. 379 6565. CC 379 6433. From February 25. DRUID THEATRE CO. IRELAND in PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD. Evgs. 7.30 (Feb. 26 at 7.0). 2 seats for the price of 1 every Mon.

DONMAR WAREHOUSE, Earlham St., Cov. Gdn. 379 6565. 379 6433. HULL TRUCK at 7.30. 1984 COMEDY OF THE YEAR UP 'N' UNDER. At 10 pm BOUNCERS (Ends 11.10). Written and directed by John Godber. Tickets £3.90 to £4.90.

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL. 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066. 01-240 9067. David Merrick's 42ND STREET. "The show has now swept up all the top prizes for musicals." D. Exp. BEST MUSICAL. Standard Drama Award. "Exhilarating" D. Tel. BEST MUSICAL. Laurence Olivier Award. "Dazzling," D. Mail. BEST MUSICAL. Plays and Players London Theatre Critics Award. "You won't find a show in London with more razzle dazzle" D. Exp. Evgs. 8.0. Mats. Wed. 3.0. Sats. 5.0 & 8.30. Group Sales 01-930 6123. Booking until July. BOX OFFICE OPEN Mon.-Sat. 10 am-8 pm.

DUKE OF YORK'S. S 836 5122. CC 836 9837/379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123. Evgs. 8. Mat. Thu. 3. Sat 5 & 8.30. "TRIUMPH ON TAP" Eve Std. STEPPING OUT. The Hit Comedy by Richard Harris. Directed by Julia McKenzie. COMEDY OF THE YEAR. Standard Drama Award 1984. "LAUGH YOURSELF SILLY" T. Out. "Had the first night audience yelling for more." D. Mail. "Must surely take the town ... GO NOW." D. Tel. "Roars of approval." Times. "It's going to tap, tap, tap forever." N.o.W. "A brand new All Dancing, All Joking Smash Hit Comedy ... A GREAT EVENING." BBC

DUCHESS THEATRE. 836 8243. 240 9648. Reduced price previews March 4, 5 & 6 at 7.30. Opens March 7 at 7.00. COLIN BLAKELY, DOROTHY TUTIN in OTHER PLACES By Harold Pinter. Directed by Kenneth Ives. Evgs Mon.-Thurs. 7.30, Fri. & Sat. 6.00 & 8.30.

FORTUNE 'S' 836 2238 CC. Eves. 8.0. Thurs. & Sat. Mats. 3.0. From Feb. 25 for 3 weeks only. MARGARET WOLFIT. Dramatises George Eliot's THE MILL ON THE FLOSS.

GARRICK S. CC 01-836 4601. Evgs. 8.0. Wed. Mat. 3.0, Sat. 5.0 & 8.0. 14th HYSTERICAL YEAR. LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY IN THE WORLD. NO SEX, PLEASE — WE'RE BRITISH. 2 HOURS OF NON-STOP LAUGHTER. Directed by Allan Davis. CC 379 6433. Group Sales 930 6123. OVER 5,500 FANTASTIC PERFS.

GLOBE. CC 437 1592. Andrew Lloyd Webber presents the COMEDY OF THE YEAR. Soc of West End Theatre Award '83. DAISY PULLS IT OFF By Denise Deegan. Directed by David Gilmore. "ABSOLUTELY SPIFFING." D. Tel. "FULL MARKS FOR DAISY." Std. "A gold star to Daisy for a delightful show." Daily Mail. Evgs. 8.0. Mats. Wed 3.0, Sat. 4.0. Group Sales 930 6123. "THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE HOOT & A SCREAM." Sunday Times. SECOND GREAT YEAR.

GREENWICH THEATRE. 01-858 7755. Evenings 7.45. Mats. Sat. 2.30. MY BROTHER'S KEEPER, by NIGEL WILLIAMS. "A very good new play ... witty as well as touching." Gdn. "The acting and production are impeccable." S. Times.

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE. 722 9301. Susan Wooldridge, Marjorie Yates in 'NIGHT, MOTHER' by Marsha Norman. Prevs from tomor. 8.15.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL. 930 9832. Group Sales 930 6123. MAGGIE SMITH, JOAN PLOWRIGHT & MICHAEL JAYSTON in THE CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE PRODUCTION OF THE WAY OF THE WORLD. Directed by William Gaskill. "Maggie Smith returns to our stage in glory." F. Times. "The most outstanding achievement was that of Joan Plowright." Std. "William Gaskill's superb production." Punch. Evgs 7.30. Mats Wed. 2.30. Sat. 3.0. FOR A LIMITED SEASON.

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LYRIC, Shaftesbury Ave. 437 3686/7. CC 434 1050. 434 1550. Evgs. 8.0. Wed. Mats. 3.0. Sats. 5.30 & 8.30. FOR A LIMITED SEASON. THE NATIONAL THEATRE PRODUCTION. JULIE WALTERS, IAN CHARLESON. FOOL FOR LOVE by Sam Shepard. Directed by Peter Gill. "Blazingly impressive performances in a throat-clutcher of a play." Mail on Sunday.

LYTTELTON. 928 2252 CC 928 5933 'S' (National Theatre's proscenium stage) Low price previews from Tomor. 7.45. Opens Feb. 27 at 7.00. Then Feb. 28 to March 5 & March 11 to 14. THE ROAD TO MECCA by Athol Fugard.

MAYFAIR S CC 629 3036. Mon.-Thur. 8, Fri./Sat. 5.40 & 8.10. Grp. 930 6123. RICHARD TODD, ERIC LANDER, ANNETTE ANDRE. THE BUSINESS OF MURDER. The Hit Thriller by Richard Harris. "The best thriller for years." S. Mir. "An unabashed winner." S. Exp. "A thriller that achieves it all. Sensational." Times. "The most ingenious mystery to have appeared in a decade. A play to be seen." D. Mail. 5th GREAT YEAR. OVER 1,400 PERFORMANCES.

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OLD VIC. 928 7616 CC 261 1821. Evgs. 7.30. Wed. Mats. 2.30. Sats. 4.0 & 7.45. ANTHONY HOPKINS, SAMANTHA EGGAR, ALAN DOBIE, COLIN FIRTH in THE LONELY ROAD by Arthur Schnitzler. Directed by Christopher Fettes. "TRIUMPHANT ... A MASTER-WORK." Gdn. "ANTHONY HOPKINS A SENSITIVE AND TELLING PERFORMANCE." S. Tel. "IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO SEE MR HOPKINS BACK ON STAGE." F. Times. "A POWERFUL, EMOTIONAL DRAMA." Gdn. SO EASY, SO SIMPLE TO BOOK — JUST TELEPHONE 01-261 1821 AND CHARGE IT TO YOUR CREDIT CARD NOW! NO BOOKING FEE. SEE 4 SHOWS INC. THE LONELY ROAD FOR AS LITTLE AS £2.50 EACH!

OLIVIER. 928 2252 CC 928 5933 'S' (National Theatre's open stage) Today 2.00 (low price Mat.) & 7.15, then March 18 to 21 ANIMAL FARM by Orwell, adapted by Peter Hall. Tomor. 7.15, then Feb. 22 & 25 & March 7 to 13 CORIOLANUS.

PALACE THEATRE. 437 6834. CC 437 8327. 379 6433. Grp. Sales 930 6123. THE MOST WINNING MUSICAL. GALINA PANOVA, HONOR BLACKMAN, JOHN BENNETT, TIM FLAVIN in RODGERS & HART'S ON YOUR TOES with SIOBHAN McCARTHY and NICHOLAS JOHNSON. From Fri. Feb. 15 to Wed. Feb. 20 incl. and at all Wed. eve. and Sat. mat. perfs. the leading role will be played by DOREEN WELLS. "'ON YOUR TOES' contains more joy than anything else on the London stage." Gdn. "One of the biggest theatrical firecrackers in London" S.T. "SHEER BLISS." D. Tel. Evgs. 7.45, Mat. Thu. & Sat. 2.30. Pre-theatre buffet from 6.45.

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QUEENS THEATRE. 734 1166. 734 1167, 734 0261, 734 0120, 439 3849, 439 4031. Grp. Sls. 930 6123. CHARLTON HESTON and BEN CROSS in HERMAN WOUK'S THE CAINE MUTINY COURT-MARTIAL. Royal Charity Preview Tues. Feb. 26, at 7.30. Reduced price prevs Wed. 27 Feb. at 3.00 & 7.30. Opens Thur. Feb 28, at 7.0. Sub. evgs. Mon.-Fri. 7.30. Sat. 8.15. Mats. Wed. 3.0. Sats. 5.0.

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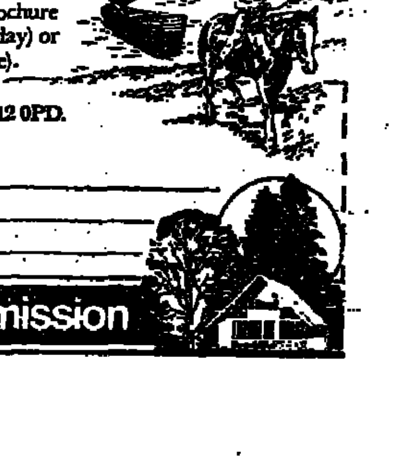
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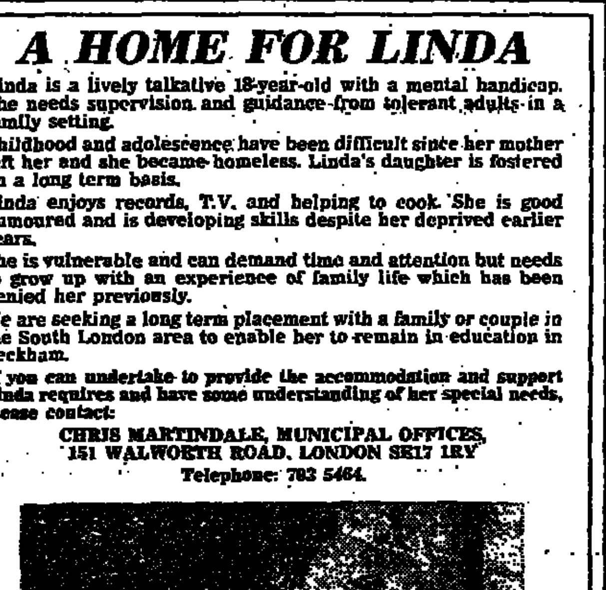
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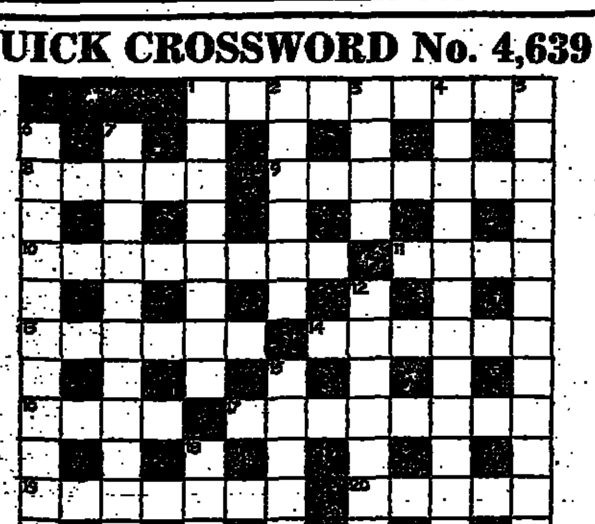
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1 Accompaniment on one's journeys (9).
8 One of three, in the old song (5).
9 Corrupted (7).
10 Runner in public and the nude (8).
11 Be on fire — stream! (4).
13 Dn(to) the ship (6).
14 Spanish city (of swords) (6).
16 Vegetable — in Staffordshire! (4).
17 Brief respite (8).
19 Wise king (7).
20 Like the feet that have wanderlust (5).
21 List of prescribed food (4, 5).

DOWN
1 Tall over (anag.) — French writer (8).
2 Artful Dickens character (6).
3 Bungle — warmer! (4).
4 Disturbing effect of total change of environment (7, 5).
5 Chin-chin (may your vision be obstructed!) (3, 2, 4, 3).
6 Glace (12).
7 The rest of the world (8, 4).
12 Student of plants (8).
15 Royal personage (6).
18 Kingsley, writer (4).

Solution No. 4,638
Across: 1 Fate; 3 Scabrous; 9 Rostrum; 10 Ratio; 11 Boyne; 12 Ultimo; 14 Light sentence; 17 Dog-leg; 19 Mower; 22 Venus; 23 Maltese; 24 Mistrust; 25 Star.
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Lawson and Walker set to battle it out after strike

Power struggle over price of electricity

By James Naughtie, Political Correspondent

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, and the Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker, are preparing for another struggle over electricity prices after the end of the miners' strike.

Energy ministers are resisting proposals to resurrect the so-called "Scargill surcharge" to help to offset the substantial cost of the strike to public funds.

The dispute between Mr Walker and Mr Lawson—his predecessor as Energy Secretary—is being heightened by suggestions in some quarters that a proposal to levy VAT on electricity bills might be included in the options being canvassed in Whitehall in the traditional pre-budget discussions.

Such a suggestion would stand little chance of acceptance by ministers or backbenchers, but it is clear that the two ministers are squaring up for another argument over the costs of the strike.

Last week, the Government presented supplementary estimates to the Commons for an extra £300 million to cover extra expenditure on the strike. About £1.5 billion in costs has already been admitted by the Government, and Mr Lawson is expected to give an up-to-date estimate in the budget on March 19.

Some independent estimates have put the real cost at more than £3 billion.

One obvious means by which Mr Lawson could "lay off" some of the extra expenditure is by forcing the electricity industry to raise costs further without government help.

Such a proposal would be fought by energy ministers with, they believe, the support of many backbenchers.

Mr Lawson appeared last night at a meeting of backbench Tories to hear a discussion on the Budget, although he did not speak. According to some of those present, most of the 20 speakers urged him to take action to allay the fears of traditional Tory supporters about the effectiveness of the Government's economic strategy, specifically by taking measures to increase job creation rather than pursuing radical tax reforms, the option which Mr Lawson is known to prefer.

An extension of the VAT base is one of the options being canvassed for raising extra revenue, but there have already been strong objections to proposals to levy VAT on books and newspapers and on children's shoes.

Any serious suggestion that electricity bills might be subject to such a levy would stir up strong opposition in the Government as well as on the backbenches.

But, according to sources in Whitehall, the Treasury and the Energy Department are now on collision course over the allocation of responsibility in coping with the effects on the Government's strategy of the substantial costs of the strike.

Willis to try again

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discussions as having been important and said that the TUC was not negotiating for the miners and the Government was not acting on behalf of the Board. He agreed that there had been an exchange of views and that he would convey these various points to the NCB.

He said he had always been hopeful because what was available to the NUM was the most generous since nationalisation and probably more generous than offers made to any other union. He admitted, however, that nothing new had emerged in the talks. The central issue of economic pits remained the same.

Mr Willis was not even prepared to answer questions. In his short statement he said that the TUC delegation had conducted a "very serious and very considered discussion with the Prime Minister about the urgent need for a settlement."

Mrs Thatcher had welcomed the TUC's genuine endeavours to assist in promoting a settlement. "In that situation, the TUC is standing ready to facilitate a settlement and will be remaining in touch with the Government, the NUM and the pit supervisors union Nacods," He said.

After the meeting Mr Willis briefly conferred over the telephone with NUM headquarters. The impression gained there was that he had been encouraged by the talks but he gave no details.

The miners' leaders were unaware last night of possible a new TUC initiatives. They will arrive in London today for their executive meeting on the eve of the union's special delegate conference called to decide what new tactics, if any, should be adopted.

It was thought possible that Mr Willis would want to meet the executive today to convey the efforts his team has made over the past 24 hours. On the *NUM side, considerable pessimism* was being expressed that an early breakthrough in the dispute was at hand.

Bank has helped out striking miners

By Peter Rodgers, City Editor

ABOUT 11,000 striking miners have had substantial help from the Yorkshire Bank, which has allowed them to delay payment on over £9 million of personal loans without charging any extra interest. The miners are classified as "indulgence cases."

This was disclosed yesterday by the bank, which said that it had lost up to £2.5 million in profit last year as a direct result of the dispute.

The general manager, Mr Graham Sunderland, said: "These are honourable people in financial terms, they are credit-worthy people, they will pay us back." He expected that a substantial part of the lost money would be recouped this year and he said that the actual loss to the bank was likely to be about £500,000. An "arbitrary" provision of £700,000 has been made in the latest accounts for the expected cost of miners' unrecovered debts.

This provision is only 7.5 per cent of the total of over £9 million of miners' personal loans which have been put on ice because strikers cannot keep up with payments, indicating the bank's confidence that miners will start paying once they are back at work.

About 1,000 of the 11,000 miners affected at the peak have begun payments again, including 350 last month, largely at Derbyshire and Lancashire branches

Nearly all the loans — averaging about £1,000 — were unsecured and taken out for car and house improvements, consumer durables, holidays and similar spending. Because they are unsecured the bank's only option would be to go to court and Mr Sunderland said: "I can't take 10,000 miners to court and sue them." The bank would not get anything back because the miners could not pay.

In addition, personal loan contracts have no provision for charging extra interest on late payments, which is why there will be no financial penalties for the miners. Their total payments will be those agreed when the personal loans were taken out, despite the delays. Mr Sunderland called the miners "super people, a very good risk" in normal times. He was surprised that those who had returned to work were not asking for additional loans to pay their outstanding bills.

Yorkshire Bank, whose shareholders are other banks, including NatWest, had its first fall in profits since 1971, down £2.2 million before tax to £34.4 million last year.



Workers sift through the wreckage of the Boeing 727 which crashed into a mountain near Bilbao, Spain, yesterday, killing 148 people Report, page 8

Shipyard clinches big ferry order

The state-owned Govan shipyard on the Clyde has won an order for the biggest passenger ship to be built in Britain since the QE2. The 31,000-tonne vessel will be the largest passenger and vehicle ferry built.

Mr Graham Day, the chairman of British Shipbuilders, yesterday described the contract as the "most important placed with the corporation in recent years."

The present workforce of around 2,200 could be increased by up to 300 while the ship is being built. Mr Sam Gilmour, shop stewards' convener, said he was confident the workforce could complete the ship ahead of schedule.

The order was won in the face of strong opposition from yards in Korea, Japan and elsewhere in Europe. The ferry is due for completion in March, 1987, and will be operated for the P & O Shipping Group by North Sea Ferries on their Hull to Rotterdam route.

Mr Day said yesterday's success was the result of 18 months of hard slog inside British shipbuilders. He claimed the key factor which won the order was Govan's technical presentation to P & O.

Jenkin forced into rate limit reversal

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spending its budget for the present financial year.

Instead of an intended surplus of £2 million, it was heading for a deficit of £4.9 million. By law, this debt must be paid off in 1985/6. Since the "overspending" ranks for government grant penalties, Mr Jenkin has therefore had to allow the council to raise an extra £16.3 million to balance its books.

"In spite of the extreme lateness of the information I felt that it would be unreasonable to pay no heed to it," Mr Jenkin said. "The increase in Haringey's rate limit does not allow any increase in their spending in 1985-86. It simply makes it possible to pay off this year's deficit."

It was uncertain last night whether today's debate on the rate-capping Orders could now go ahead.

Mr Jenkin also received a protest from the scrutiny committee which examines parliamentary Orders to check that they comply with the relevant legislation.

Its chairman, Mr Andrew Bennett, the Labour MP for Denton and Reddish, said that he had discovered that Mr Jenkin's claim about the urgency for the debate was unfounded. Normally, the committee gets 21 days to check Orders before they are debated. Mr Jenkin had asked for the job to be done in a week on the grounds that the Orders had to be in place by the beginning of March.

The scrutiny committee, on which the Tories have a 4-3 majority, yesterday empowered Mr Bennett to sort the matter out with Mr Jenkin last night.

Mr George Meehan, the Labour leader of Haringey, said that his ratepayers were now being expected to pay £16 million more so that the Government could pocket £10 million in grant penalties.

He claimed that information gained in the exchanges between the DoE and the Haringey Tory councillor showed the ministers had reduced the council's spending limit for next year by £6.4 million as a punishment for not negotiating.

Mr David Blunkett, leader of Sheffield council, and of the campaign group of Labour councils, accused Mr Jenkin of producing new numbers as if he was "running a game of newspaper bingo."

Mr John McDonnell, deputy leader of the Greater London Council, said it was taking immediate legal advice on the implications of the Haringey changes, "which will obviously have a bearing on our court case against Mr Jenkin." The case, which challenges Mr Jenkin to explain how he did his sums, begins today.

Checks for replicas of Ronan Point flats

By Alan Travis

Urgent checks on similar Taylor Woodrow Anglian buildings to Ronan Point were called for yesterday by Mr Ian Gow, the Housing Minister. He said that faults found in Ronan Point were likely to apply to some degree to some other Taylor Woodrow Anglian high rise blocks.

Ronan Point, the east London 22 storey block of flats, partially collapsed in 1968, killing five people and injuring 17. After the collapse, caused by a gas explosion on the 18th floor, there have been several reports on the building's structure and a tribunal of inquiry.

Mr Gow called for checks to be made by local authorities in a written parliamentary answer yesterday, after the latest report, by the Building Research Establishment.

The report said that remedial work was necessary as joints in the walls of the flats did not provide an acceptable margin of safety.

The 1968 Ronan Point gas explosion blew out the concrete panels on one flat. It led to a progressive collapse.

The new investigation was ordered after gaps were found between cladding panels and floor slabs in Ronan Point last year.

Mr Gow said: "All Taylor Woodrow Anglian buildings of 14 or more storeys in height in which the H2 joints in the flank walls are of a similar design as those in Ronan Point should be appraised to establish whether these joints provide adequate margins of safety.

"All such buildings should be appraised to established that the joints between panels can resist the spread of fire and fumes adequately."

Twenty of the 90 TWA blocks in England have 14 storeys and have joints of the same design as Ronan Point.

Ponting disputes Heseltine account to House

By Richard Norton-Taylor

Mr. Clive Ponting yesterday challenged the account given to the Commons by Mr Heseltine of the discussions in the Ministry of Defence that led to his decision to send documents to the Labour MP, Mr Tam Dalyell.

Speaking for the first time since Monday's debate on the Belgrano affair, he said that he changed his advice last year and urged ministers to give more information about the events during the Falklands conflict because intelligence staff told him that it was unclassified.

Mr Heseltine told the Commons that ministers never had "a coherent explanation" for Mr Ponting's change of advice. But documents provided in evidence during Mr Ponting's trial show that he did explain to ministers that the information had been officially unclassified.

Mr Ponting strongly denied the suggestion by Mr Heseltine that he had seen and approved the draft of a memorandum sent to the Commons foreign affairs committee about changes in the rules of engage-

Leader comment, page 10

ment during the conflict. The memorandum was sent to ministers on July 6, he said, and he did not see it until three days later.

He said that the minute showing how the ministry intended to mislead the committee about the rule changes—one of the documents he sent to Mr Dalyell—was "entirely in line with ministerial policy at the time". A much fuller version of events has since been sent by Mr Heseltine to the committee.

Mr Ponting—who is now seeking a career in a charity or pressure group, possibly in the environmental area—said: "I testified on oath and was cross-examined in the Old Bailey. Mr Heseltine did not. He was not cross-examined, even though his actions were central to the case. The jury heard both sides and unanimously acquitted me."

He suggested that the documents made available to MPs by Mr Heseltine at the end of Monday's debate were selective. For example, a letter from Mrs Thatcher to Mr Dalyell, dated April 12 1984, in which she said she would not give answers to his questions, did not come from Mr Ponting's department. It was "a 10 Downing Street production," Mr Ponting said.

The documents made available to MPs represent only about a quarter of those given in evidence to the Old Bailey by the prosecution. But they do include one minute, marked secret, to ministers from Sir Clive Whitmore, the permanent under-secretary at the Ministry of Defence, about a top-level meeting on March 30 last year.

Ministry officials suggested during the trial that no record of that meeting existed. Sir Clive refers in the minute to the question of how much information should be given to the shadow cabinet about the sinking of the Belgrano. He offered two choices, and explained: "If the Prime Minister decides that she does not want to go this far, then the simple deletion of the passage in brackets leaves us with a reply which stands pat on the existing line." In the end Mrs Thatcher decided to accept the fuller reply.

Joseph kills teachers' hopes of an extra 7 pc

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the Education secretary had given the lie once and for all to the employers' suggestion that there was a pot of gold waiting for teachers if they would agree to worsen their conditions of service.

The NUT said last night: "The onus is now on the employers to explain exactly what money is available."

The second largest teaching union, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, also announced further selective strike plans yesterday. It named another 10 authorities where up to 13,350 members will be standing by to take part in "guerrilla" action at short notice, starting on March 4.

But the NAS/UWT does not intend to hit exam-year pupils at this stage.

"If the authority starts cutting up we will reconsider that," said Mr Nigel de Gruchy, the deputy general secretary of the NAS/UWT. The union will also stage a half-day strike by its 127,000 members on Tuesday.

The 235,000-strong National Union of Teachers had no sooner revealed its strike plans yesterday than it was served with legal notice of a High Court action being brought in an attempt to halt its two-week-old campaign of disruption, which includes refusal to cover for absent staff.

Solihull council will seek an injunction under the 1984 Trade Union Act, claiming that the NUT has lost its trade union immunity to court action by failing to ballot members before calling on them to break or interfere with contracts of employment.

The council hopes that the hearing will be on Friday or early next week. It intends to seek a similar injunction against the NAS/UWT, which has not balloted members.

The NUT balloted members in 40 education authority areas before launching its selective strikes.

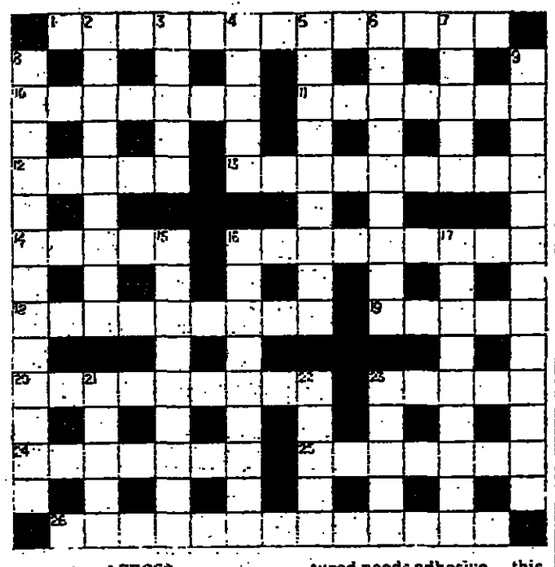
The teachers want at least £1,200 for all from April, costed by the management at just under 12.5 per cent.

The authorities where the NUT will take three-day strike action in selected schools are: Sunderland, Cleveland, Bolton, Bradford, North Yorkshire, Leeds, Wakefield, Nottinghamshire, Northants, Solihull, Birmingham, Walsall, Warwickshire, Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, East Sussex, Kent, Dorset, Devon, Berkshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Bexley, Brent, Croydon and Haringey.

The authorities where selective strikes will be staged by the NAS/UWT are: Bedfordshire, Bolton, Bradford, Cleveland, East Sussex, Kingston-upon-Thames, Merton, Norfolk, Shropshire and Solihull.

GUARDIAN CROSSWORD 17,165

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ACROSS

1 Practice of one who absolutely ruined the children" — economic model first (7, 3, 3).
10 Nominal upper class entering tailless pipit (7).
11 See 21.
12, 13 Is it more than 1¾ cm (formerly 1 inch) wide down in Dorset? (5, 9).
14 The spirit Bevan possessed to 'is audience? (5).
16 Obsessed with keeping ragout concealed? (3-6).
18 Durham's quite a drop too ritualistic seeing it's Church of England (4, 5).
19 Old dice game, a new thing to the Romans, using an egg on a pole (5).
20 What's likely to be punctured needs adhesive — this often passes the lips (6, 3).
23 Row about Scots sweetheart in France (5).
24 Transport for artists in marble city (7).
25 Money got to do with meeting-place (7).
26 Sine qua non's quality of sense — listen as required (13).

DOWN

2 Underground activity, even if in punting? (9).
3 Kept in a straight line? (5).
4 Direction of 7 or 5 (5).
5 Divine love, out! Hegel, out! (9).
6 Immunity for river member getting into trouble (9).
7 Hunter for gold charged particle (5).
8 Think babes act out of treachery? (4, 2, 3, 4).
9 Carol on a road, getting one man roused to fury (4, 2, 1, 6).
15 Make leaf to die? (9).
16 Problem for rose-grower? It's a lot of work (4, 5).
17 Lamp for a Welshman, devilish deep? (4, 5).
21, 11 Panorama is very wide — be prepared (5, 3, 4).
22 Great number, song from West Side Story? (5).
23 Start digging at the front of the bed (5).

Solution tomorrow

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THE WEATHER

Dry and sunny

A TROUGH of low pressure will move away from southern parts of England and ridge of high pressure will build over all areas.

London, SE, Cent S, SW England, E Anglia, Channel Islands: Dry with rain or snow in places at first. Dry and bright later. Wind SW, light or moderate. Max temp 4–9C (39–43F).

Midlands, E, Cent N England, S Wales: Any rain and snow soon dying out. Sunny periods developing. Wind SW, light to moderate. Max 4–9C (43–45F).

N Wales, NW, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Dry, sunny periods. Wind variable, light. Max 5–7C (41–45F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, SW, NE Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland: Dry. Sunny periods. Wind NW, SW, light or moderate. Max 5–7C (41–45F).

Argyll, NW Scotland: Dry, sunny intervals. Wind SW or S, moderate. Max 6–8C (43–46F).

Outlook: Further rain spreading to all areas followed by brighter showery weather. Near-normal temperatures.

AROUND THE WORLD

Lunch-time reports

	C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	c	11	50	*Los Angeles	c	15	59
Alghero	F	10	50	Luxembourg	c	1	34
Amsterdam	S	-1	30	Madrid	c	10	50
Athens	S	6	43	Majorca	c	11	52
Bahrain	S	18	64	Malaga	c	11	52
*Barbados	S	28	82	Malta	F	17	63
Barcelona	S	8	48	Manchester	F	1	34
Belgrade	S	5	41	*Mexico C	F	17	63
Beirut	S	22	72	*Miami	F	24	75
*Bermuda	S	21	70	*Montreal	F	-3	27
Berlin	S	3	37	Moscow	S	-12	10
Biarritz	S	9	48	Munich	S	-8	18
Birmingham	F	1	30	Newcastle	Sn	0	32
Bombay	S	28	82	New Delhi	S	24	75
Bordeaux	S	7	45	*New York	S	6	43
*Bufalo	F	4	39	Nice	F	13	55
Boulogne	S	-1	30	Nicosia	S	15	59
Bristol	S	3	37	Oslo	S	-7	19
Brussels	S	-1	30	Paris	S	-1	30
Budapest	S	4	39	Peking	S	-3	27
Cairo	S	27	81	Prague	S	-1	30
*Chicago	S	2	36	Reykjavik	Sn	-1	30
Cologne	S	1	34	Riyadh	S	20	68
Copenhagen	S	-1	30	Rhodes	F	13	55
Corfu	S	9	48	*Rio de Jan	S	30	86
Crete	S	7	45	Rome	S	8	46
Dubrovnik	S	0	32	Singapore	F	31	88
Faro	S	15	59	Salzburg	S	-6	21
Florence	S	5	41	Seoul	S	-2	28
Frankfurt	S	1	34	Stockholm	S	-13	9
Funchal	F	15	59	Strasbourg	S	-4	25
Geneva	F	-1	30	Sydney	F	18	64
Gibraltar	F	15	59	Tangier	F	16	61
Glasgow	S	6	43	Tel Aviv	F	22	72
Helsinki	S	-8	18	Tenerife	F	19	66
Hong Kong	C	16	61	Tokyo	S	5	41
Innsbruck	S	-6	21	Tunis	F	14	57
Edinburgh	F	5	41	Valencia	F	12	54
Istanbul	F	5	41	*Vancouver	S	5	41
Karachi	F	24	75	Venice	S	1	34
Las Palmas	F	18	64	Vienna	S	-4	25
Lisbon	F	17	63	Warsaw	Sn	-2	28
Las Palmas	F	18	64	Washington	S	14	57
Locarno	F	2	36	Wellington	S	16	61
London	S	2	36	Zurich	S	-6	21

C, cloudy; F, fair; Fg, fog; R, rain; S, sunny; Sn, snow.
*Previous day's readings.

SEA PASSAGES

S North Sea: Moderate, becoming rough. Strait of Dover, English Channel (E), Irish Sea: Smooth.
St George's Channel: Slight.

LONDON READINGS

From 6 pm Monday to 6 am yesterday: Min temp −3C (27F). From 6 am to 6 pm yesterday: Max temp 4C (39F). Total period: rainfall, nil; sunshine, 3.3hrs.

MANCHESTER READINGS

From 6pm Monday to 6am yesterday: Min temp. −3C (27F). From 6am to 6pm yesterday: Max temp. 4C (39F). Total period: Rainfall, Nil; Sunshine, 0.1hrs.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather	C
Andermatt	80	200	Good	Fine	-1
Good skiing on all runs					
Andorra-Arsenal	40	150	Fair	Snow	+2
Wet snow on icy base					
Grindelwald	110	160	Good	Fine	-3
New snow on good base					
Igls	19	70	Good	Sun	-5
Good skiing on upper slopes					
Kals 2000	95	155	Good	Clear	-2
10cms new powder, still some ice					
Kleisters	45	195	Good	Fine	-9
Fine weather forecasted					
La Pl	30	250	Good	Fine	-4
Powder on hard base					
Morzine	100	240	Good	Fine	-19
Good skiing everywhere					
St Anton	95	270	Good	Fine	-6
Good skiing on upper pistes					
Thyon	132	180	Good	Fine	-8
Excellent piste skiing					
Zermatt	55	110	Good	Fine	-3
Good piste skiing					
Lassie	100	120	Good	Fine	-4
Good skiing on all slopes					

Compiled by the Ski Club of Great Britain. L, lower slopes; U, upper slopes.

AROUND BRITAIN

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6 pm yesterday:

	Sun (hrs)	Rain (ins)	Max temp C	Max temp F	Weather (day)
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London	3.8	—	4	39	Sunny am
Birmingham	0.8	—	2	36	Cloudy
Manchester	5.8	—	5	41	Sunny
Cardiff	2.8	—	5	41	Bright
Anglesey	—	.03	5	41	Rain pm
Blackpool	—	—	5	41	Dull
Manchester	0.1	—	4	39	Cloudy
Nottingham	0.3	—	1	34	Bright
Newcastle	—	.05	5	41	Snow
EAST COAST					
Scarborough	—	—	2	36	Cloudy
Bridlington	—	—	2	36	Dull pm
Cromer	1.2	—	1	34	Cloudy
Lowestoft	3.7	—	1	34	Sunny am
Clacton	4.4	—	2	36	Sunny am
Margate	—	—	2	36	Sunny
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	8.9	—	1	34	Sunny
Hastings	7.6	—	1	34	Sunny
Eastbourne	7.2	—	2	36	Sunny
Brighton	—	—	2	36	Sunny
Southsea	5.1	—	4	39	Sunny
Sandown	5.6	—	4	39	Sunny
Shanklin	6.6	—	4	39	Sunny
Ventnor	6.1	—	7	45	Sunny
Bournemouth	5.5	—	4	39	Sunny
Poole	3.3	—	4	39	Cloudy
Swanage	4.0	—	4	39	Sunny am
Weymouth	4.3	—	5	41	Bright
Exmouth	2.7	—	6	43	Cloudy
Teignmouth	3.2	—	5	41	Sunny am
Torquay	3.1	—	6	43	Bright
Penzance	6.5	—	9	48	Sunny
Jersey	4.1	—	4	39	Sunny
Guernsey	8.5	—	4	39	Sunny
WEST COAST					
Isles of Scilly	3.5	—	9	48	Sunny
Newquay	3.9	—	7	45	Bright
Ilfracombe	1.0	—	7	45	Dull
Teeby	2.6	—	6	43	Cloudy
Colwyn Bay	—	.01	7	45	Drizzle
Southport	—	—	5	41	Dull
Morecambe	—	.01	3	37	Dull
Douglas	—	.30	6	43	Rain
SCOTLAND					
Prestwick	—	.17	6	43	Rain
Glasgow	0.7	.03	6	43	Rain
Tiree	1.5	.10	9	48	Rain am
Stornoway	1.7	.32	8	46	Showers pm
Lerwick	—	.29	6	43	Showers pm
Wick	0.5	.52	8	46	Rain am
Kinloss	0.3	.62	10	50	Showers
Aberdeen	0.7	.15	6	43	Rain am
St Andrews	0.2	.02	6	43	Rain pm
Edinburgh	—	—	6	43	Cloudy
N. IRELAND					
Belfast	—	.25	6	43	Rain

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	6.11 pm to 7.04 am
Birmingham	5.58 pm to 6.42 am
Bristol	6.03 pm to 6.43 am
Glasgow	6.01 pm to 7.00 am
London	5.53 pm to 6.35 am
Manchester	5.58 pm to 6.46 am
Newcastle	5.52 pm to 6.47 am
Nottingham	5.55 pm to 6.42 am

SATELLITE PREDICTIONS

The figures give in order, time and visibility, wind, rising, maximum elevation and direction of setting. An asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

Aberdeen

Cosmos 1653: 19.06–19.10 S, SSE–ESE*; 20.46–20.47 WSW 27 WSW–WSW*.
Cosmos 1425: 18.16–18.19 W, 20WSW–SSW, 1.
Meteor 21: 18.47–18.51 SW 40WNW–N: (Feb 21) 1.53–1.54 NE 10NE–NE; 5.16–5.26 NNW 35W–SSW.

Dundee

Ops: 19.29–19.36 NNW–40WNW SSW: (Feb 21) 5.07–5.11 ESE 18ENE–NE. Satyat 7: (Feb 21) 5.47–5.51 SSW–40SE–E.

Manchester

Cosmos 1653: 19.07–19.10 S–25SE–SE*; 20.46–20.47 WSW–30WSW–WSW*.
Cosmos 1425: 18.15–18.19 W–20SW–S.
Meteor 21: 18.41–18.52 SW–45W–N: (Feb 21) 1.51–1.54 NNE 10NE–ENE; 5.16–5.25 NNW–35WSW–SSW.
Ops: 19.28–19.35 NNW–50W–SSW: (Feb 21) 6.08–6.12 ESE–15ENE–NE.
Satyat 7: (Feb 21) 5.47–5.51 SSW–25SE–E.

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	2.16 am	2.42 pm
Dover	11.40 am	11.53 pm
Liverpool	11.50 am	— pm
SUN RISES		7.25 am
SUN SETS		5.23 pm
MOON RISES		7.54 pm
MOON SETS		6.06 am

MOON: First quarter Feb 22.

SCOTTISH SKI REPORTS

Cairngorm: Upper and middle runs complete, wide cover of new snow on a hard base. Vert runs 1,800ft. Roads clear. Snow level 1,900ft.

Glenshee: Upper runs complete, new snow with many icy patches. Lower slopes, ample nursery areas, new snow with many icy patches. Vert runs 1,000ft. Roads clear. Snow level 1,000ft.

Glenshee (open Sats, Suns and Mons only): Upper runs complete, new snow on a firm base. Lower slopes almost complete, new snow. Vert runs 1,300ft. Roads clear. Snow level 2,360ft.

Lecht: Upper and middle runs complete, wide cover, hard-packed snow on a firm base. Lower slopes, ample nursery areas, hard-packed snow on a firm base. Vert runs 700ft. Roads clear. Snow level 2,000ft.

Glencoe: Becoming cloudy with outbreaks of rain (snow at higher levels), strong to gale force southerly winds.



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